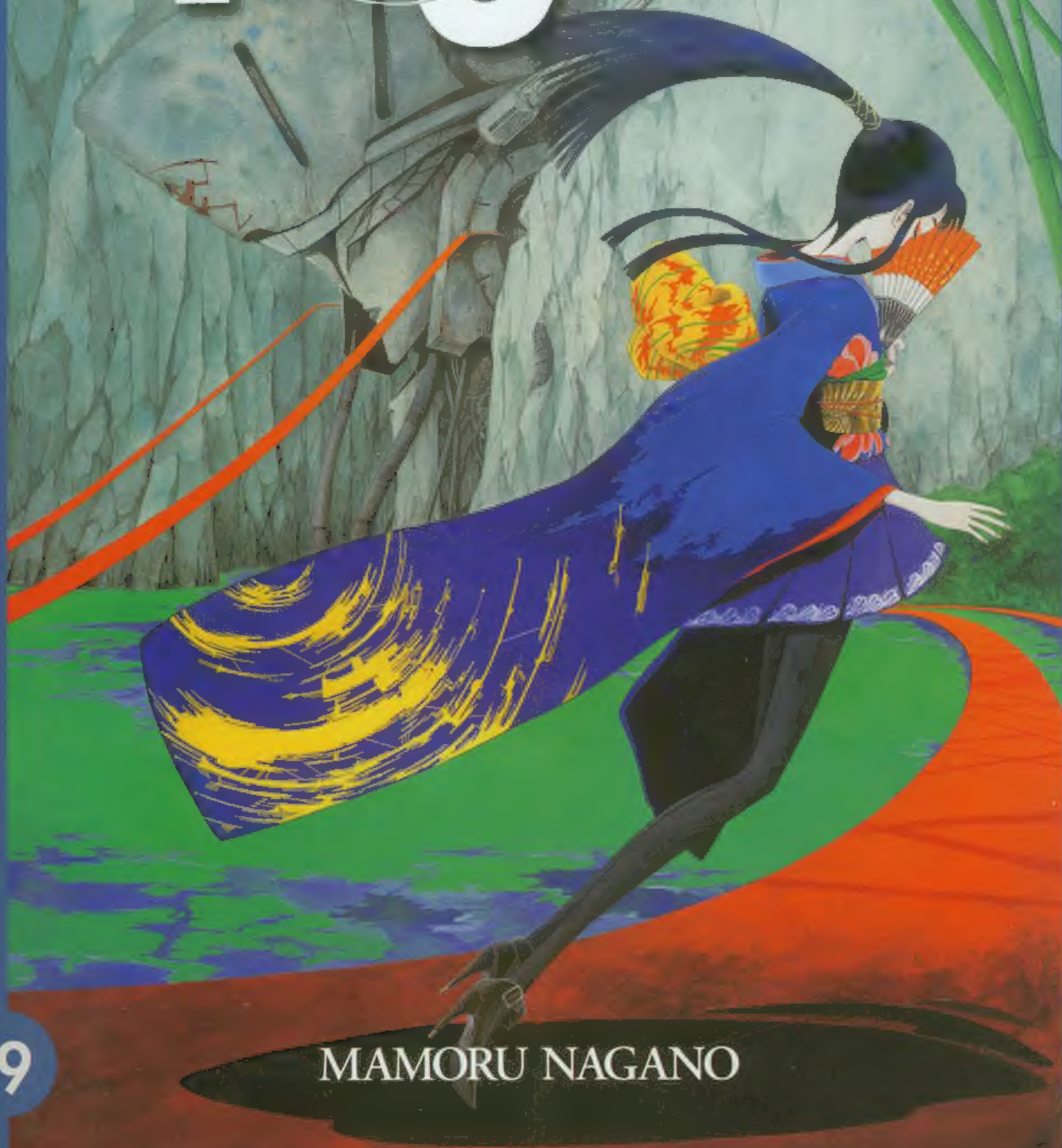


# The Five Star Stories IX





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From the events surrounding the war on planet Jūno between the Colus Dynasty and Hagooda in JC 2989, we jumped ahead in Volume VIII to the year 4071 to take a brief look at a budding resistance movement against the unified galactic system pioneered by Amaterasu, Emperor of Delta Belun. It seems that it has taken almost three centuries and three generations of Colus princes to fulfill Queen Elmelah's prophecy and set the stage for another epoch-making encounter between the Galaxy's superpowers. Here we find young Colus VI (posing as a postgraduate student named Label), having just awakened to his headliner heritage and joining the anti-Amaterasu resistance, which has spread to the planet Addler, sight of Amaterasu Kingdom Demesnes military headquarters, but is still in need of a true charismatic leader.

Also in Volume VIII, we looked in on the fates awaiting the lone survivor among the Kneue Styttiss knights, Bireno Canzian, on Kallamity, and AP knight Jabo Beat on Both in the aftermath of the Colus-Hagooda conflict. We will meet Jabo again in this volume entitled "Traffics."



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## Muse van Reyback

A member of the Order of Lown Knights under the Holy Coballkan Empire, one of the two super powers on planet Kallamity. He is a special favorite of Pope Spanda and is thought to be being groomed as the Holy Father's successor. This may be the reason for his rather old-fashioned manners and speech. He has come to Kastempo for the purpose of information gathering.

## Fatima Fates Ssizz

Another Ballanche masterpiece, Ssizz (pronounced "shizu") is Muse van Reyback's partner and the heroine of the first part of "Traffics." The mortar head they pilot, nicknamed the "Bang Doll," can not be controlled by just any headliner/fatima team. Ssizz is far more experienced than Muse, so, he often relies on her judgement and expertise.





Mirage Knight No.2  
**Aisha Codante**

Royal princess, headliner No. 2 of the AKD's Far Eastern Mirage Corps, and chancellor of the Kingdom of Grees. She is vacationing in Kastenpo under the name of Sandra Ylge.



**Viscount Huah von Hitter**

A rather effeminate playboy roaming the restaurants and cabarets of Vachi city in Kastenpo, who in real life is none other than Joker's most accomplished swordsman Dougulus Kaien, the Silver Knight. Other than assuming the character of a mild mannered, rather dull-witted, aristocrat, Viscount Hitter hasn't done anything physically to disguise his looks. Due to his social rank, he acts as master of the Kastenpo headliner guild.



### Palu Suyene

The cute, broad foreheaded daughter of an attendant of the E-mu royal family, who served Prince Ko from childhood. Why she is the only one not needing to fear Ko's wrath is still a mystery.



### Fatima Fates Palsuet

Michael Lester's partner, who despite being "a mass produced," generic brand fatima, possesses very unique, individualistic traits. She will make her way from headliner to headliner throughout all three parts of "Traffics."



### Fatima Fates Linsa

U-Thu Republic headliner Maiyu Sukat's partner and a Moon Copper fatima masterpiece. Dressed in fur coats and designer clothes for the vicarious pleasure of her master, who scorns any headliner who would stoop to having his fatima cook and sew for him, Linsa plays the part admirably. What she really thinks of her gilded cage lifestyle with Sukat is not yet a topic of Galaxy gossip, but all we can say is ..... weeiirrd.





Fatima Fates  
**ANANDA**

The partner of Iler The Bishop and his heavy M-I Ashura Temple. He is an unusual boy-type fatima.



**Iler the Bishop**

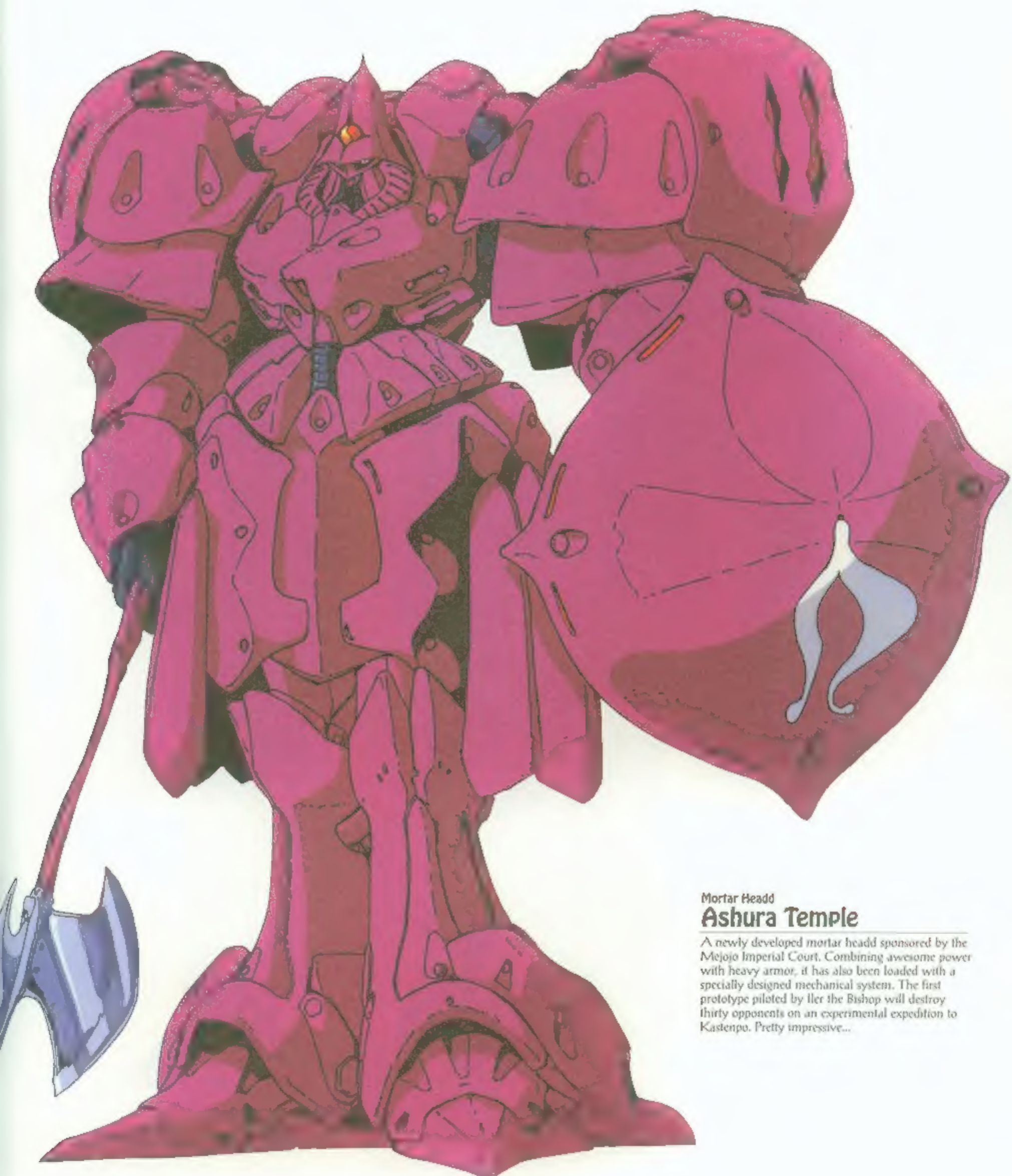
Warrior/cleric of the Mejojo Imperial Court and instructor in its Order of Round About Knights (pronounced "runabout"). This Frankenstein monster-like headliner, who stands 2.3 meters tall, has come to Kastenpo to test the mortar headd Ashura Temple.



**Maiyu Sukat**

Brigadier General in the U-Thu Republic's armed forces, who leads an expedition to exterminate anti-government guerillas and bring Dougulus Kaien to justice. Although portrayed as a rather disgusting bully, it is characters like Sukat that in human history have more times than not been none hailed as the heroes and rightful leaders of the people.





Mortar Headd  
**Ashura Temple**

A newly developed mortar headd sponsored by the Mejojo Imperial Court. Combining awesome power with heavy armor, it has also been loaded with a specially designed mechanical system. The first prototype piloted by Iler the Bishop will destroy thirty opponents on an experimental expedition to Kastenpo. Pretty impressive...





Mortar Headd  
**Zakker**

Maiyu Sukat had to use plenty of influence to get Dr. Stram to design this ultra-fined tuned, dashing electric knight for him. In "Traffics," Zakker appears attired in full military regalia to annihilate the guerilla forces in TYxathigh.







Dedicated to Fatimas Everywhere

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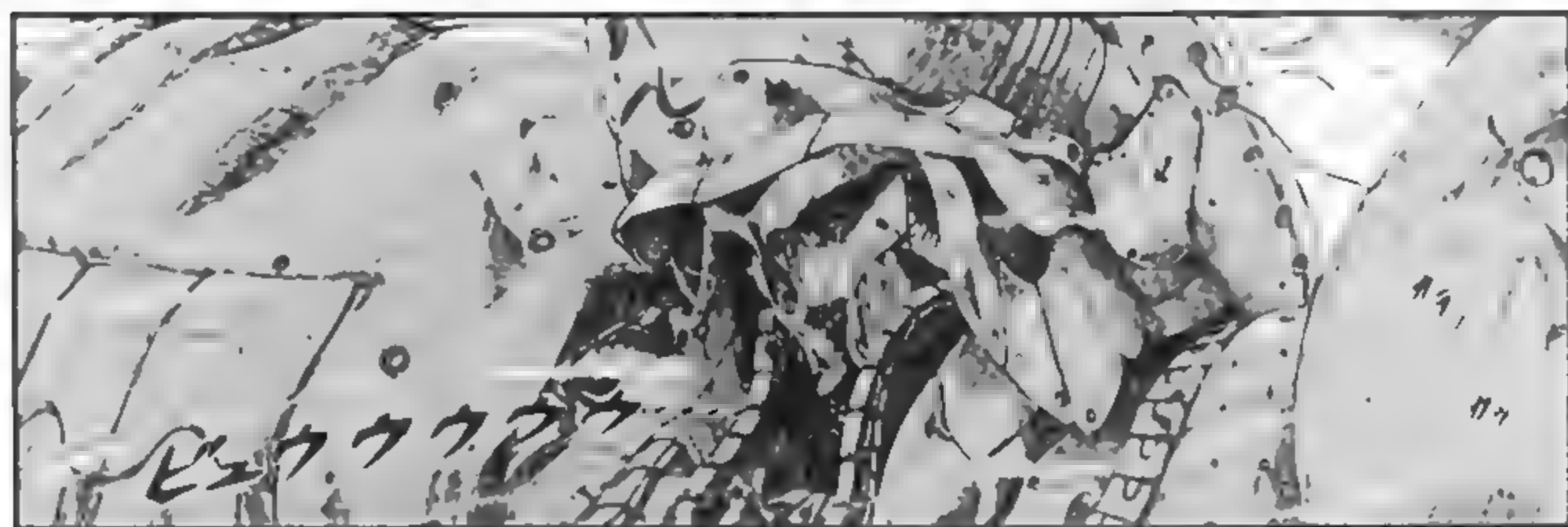


# TRAFFICS BOTH 2989

Kastenpo on the Continent of Gnarn, Plate 1







With head-  
liners still acting  
like that, war  
hasn't changed a  
bit over the  
centuries.



It must  
have been  
a duel...

これは...?  
何でしょう...

Kore wa Nan deshou

どうされました?  
Dou saremashita

Absent of  
rubber-  
neckers, as  
usual.

A couple of headd-  
liners get into a duel  
or some test of  
strength out here...  
One of the region's  
favorite pastimes, may  
I add.

Nobody else would want  
to risk life and limb by  
getting caught up in a  
mortar headd fight.

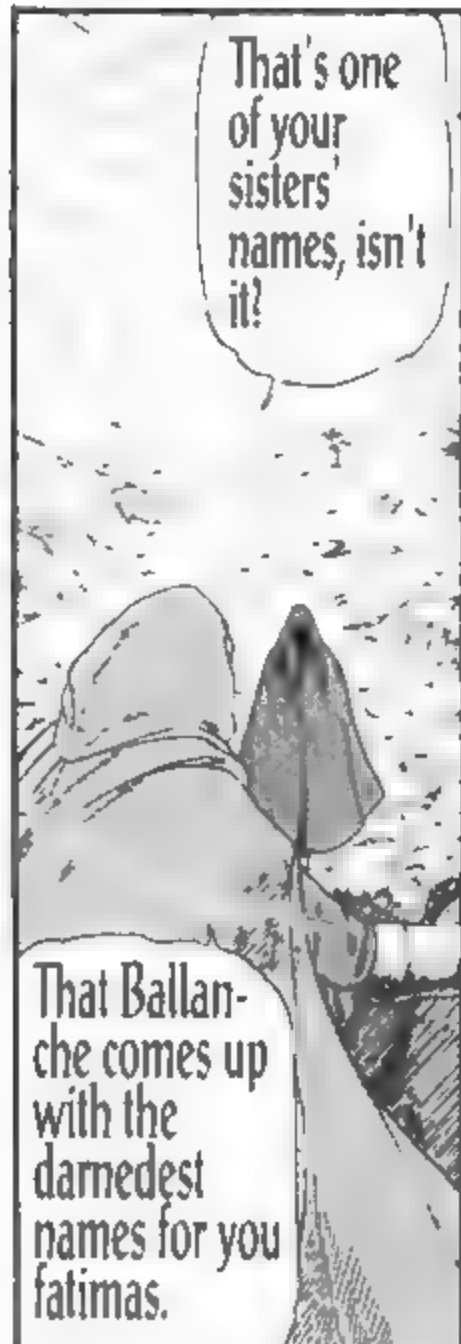
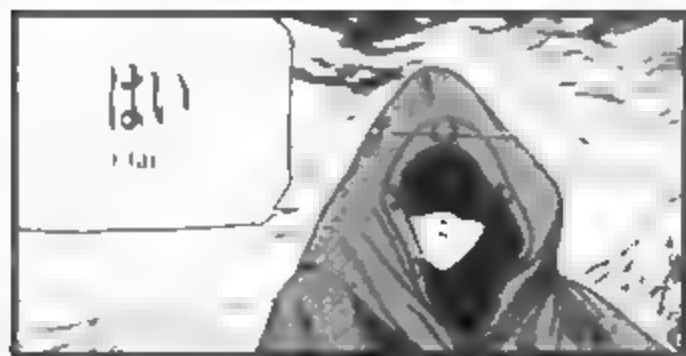
The only people you'll  
find out here are black  
marketeers and foreign  
spies.

ホアラン国の  
イザットですね  
Hoeran koku no Izat  
desu ne

I was  
just  
curious.

Sorry for  
stopping,  
Ssizz...







I've heard that the good doctor is a bit under the weather these days. When we're done here...



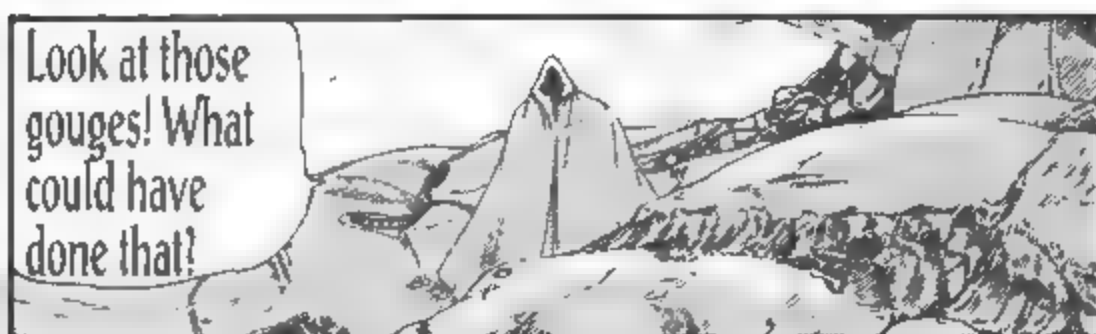
That's right... A younger sister...



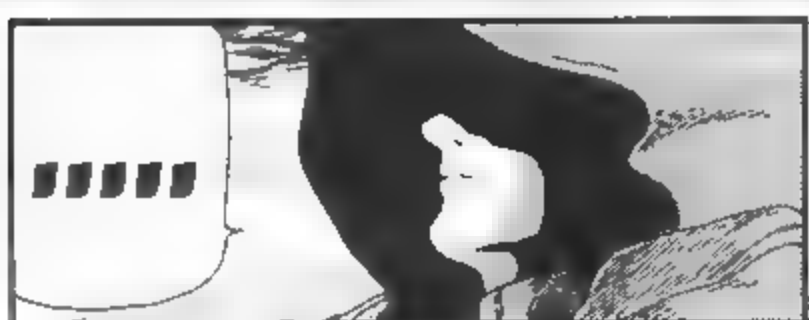
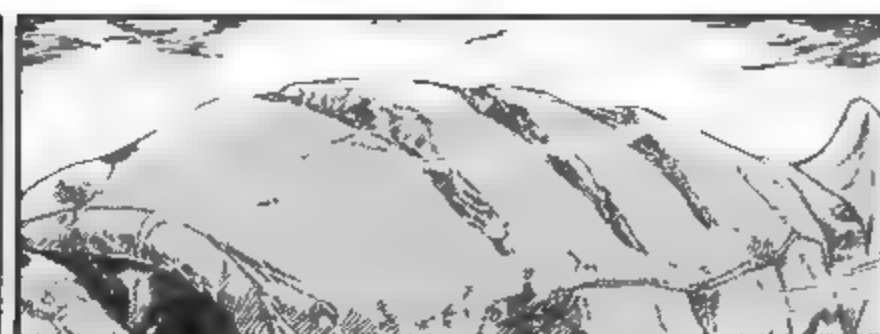
Huh?



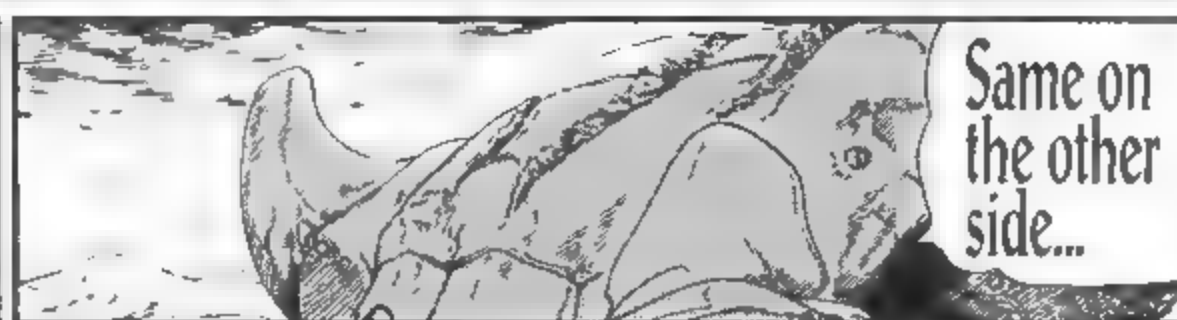
That would be wonderful.



Look at those gouges! What could have done that?



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Same on the other side...

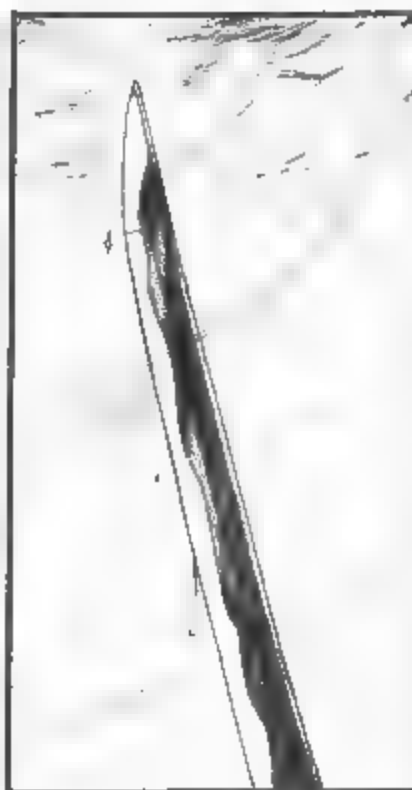
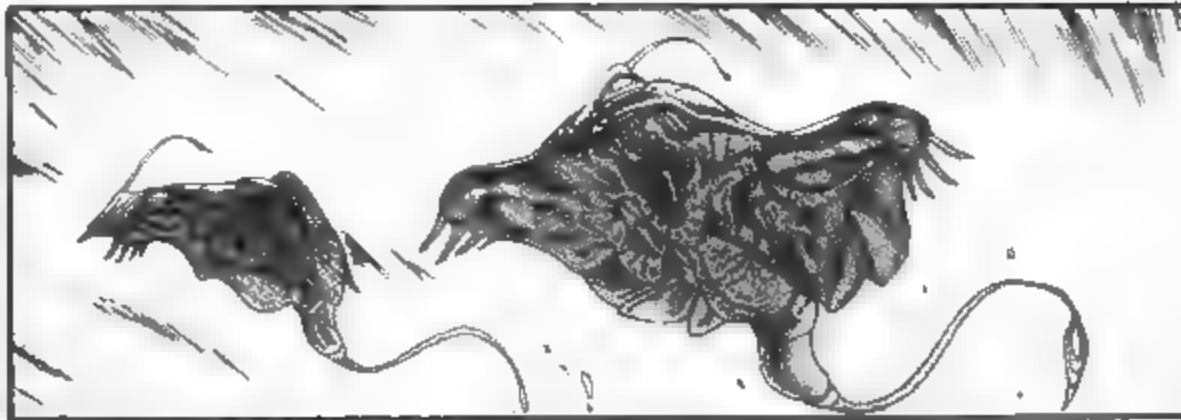


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Master!  
Look out!








Seems the headdliner made it out alive. The cockpit's empty.



Lasers won't kill 'em, huh? I guess even the black marketeers have to keep their distance.



...Insect-like inorganic creatures on this planet that operate by absorbing metal, then re-fusing it for energy.




They were plate worms...




Thank goodness you used your speid... They repulse laser spaads.



No... They had to be inflicted in a mortar headd engagement.



.. With him, one bast and the other guys strewn all over the battlefield.



It's those gouges that worry me.



...No way...there would have been much more damage...



What about the...?

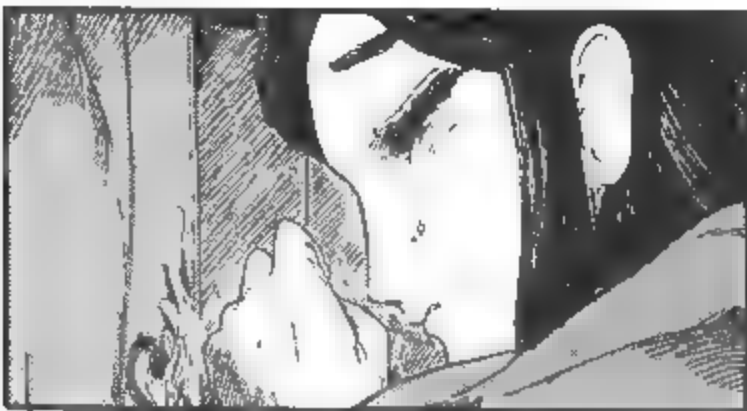
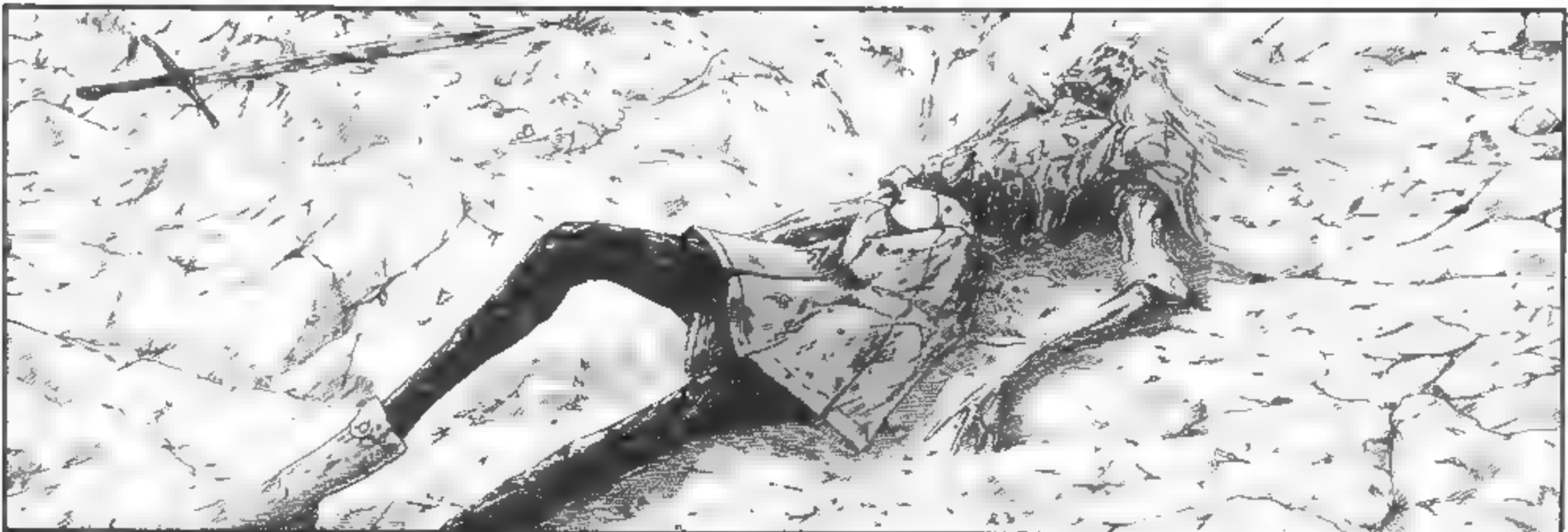


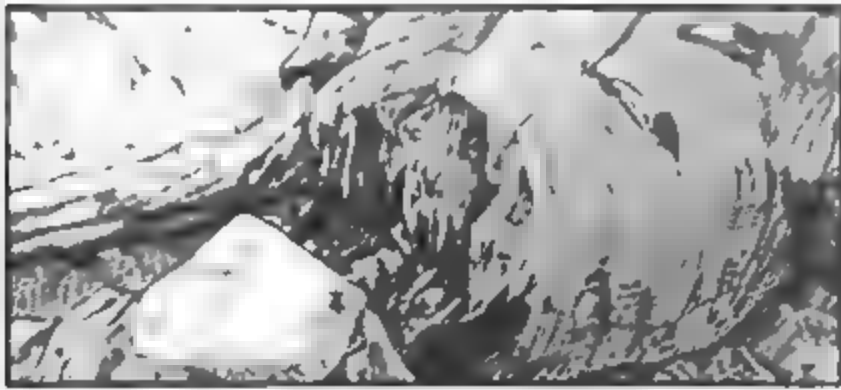
Ssizz? What is it?



Hey Ssizz! Come take a look and tell me what you...







She was badly wounded.

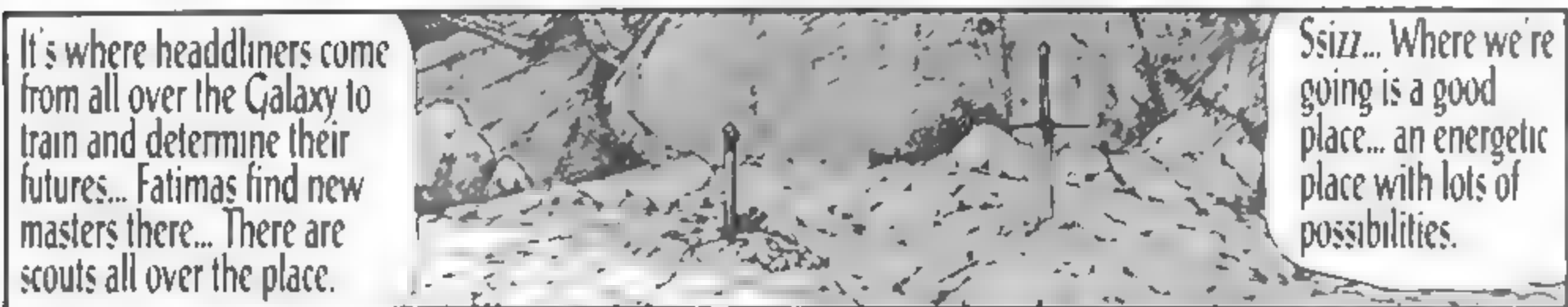


Who would do a thing like that?



My god! He didn't even have the civility to bury them.

There's nothing in the poust that makes such atrocity necessary.



It's where headdliners come from all over the Galaxy to train and determine their futures... Fatimas find new masters there... There are scouts all over the place.

Ssizz... Where we're going is a good place... an energetic place with lots of possibilities.



But there's the other side as well. Kastenpo also houses the dregs of the Galaxy: cold-blooded headdliners who would do something like this without even the slightest compunction.

That's the exciting part...

Women gather in hope of catching a headdliner, and the streets are filled with tourists.





There are scum who waylay and abduct fatimas looking for new masters and sell them into slavery.



There are upstarts hoping to goad any well-known headdliner they can find into a duel, so they can build their reputations.

That's why it's so important to hide our identities when we get there.

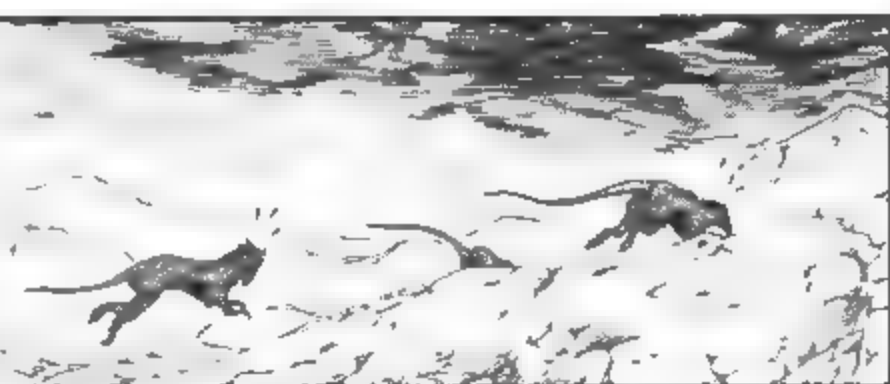


I'm sure you already know what I've been talking about, anyway.



Forgive me for upsetting you like this... I'm still not worthy of our partnership...

But we're not going there for any of that... Our main mission is to gather data...



...and get some rest and relaxation.

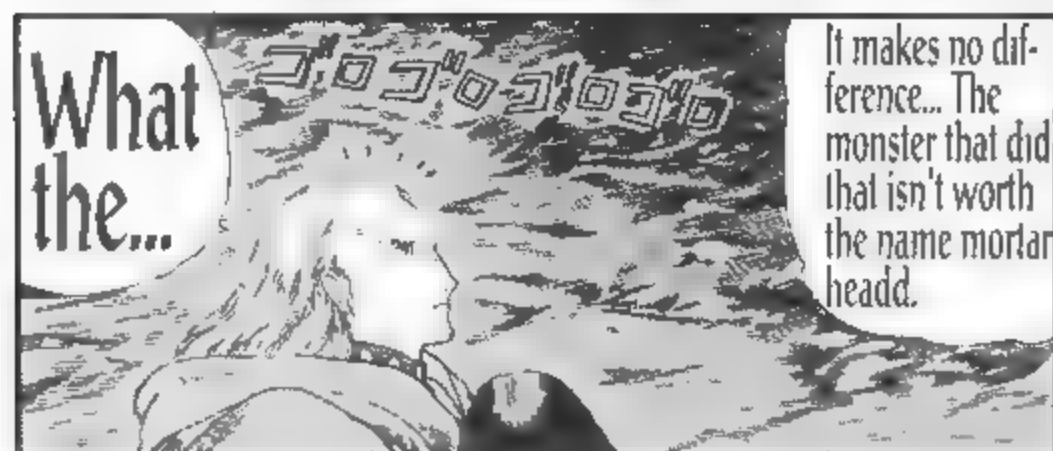


You are Muse van Reyback the White Knight of the Low Corpse... There's no one who matches the virtue and en vairy you display on the battlefield.

You are one of the "Puppeteers," one of Cobalikan's and therefore one of the Galaxy's foremost headdliners..



No...you're being too modest.



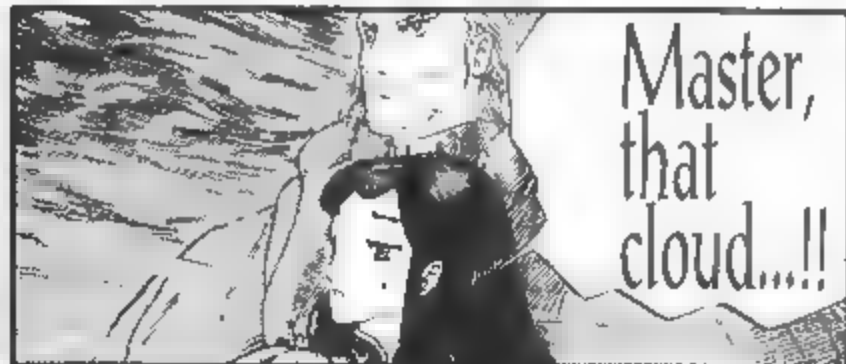
What the...

It makes no difference... The monster that did that isn't worth the name mortar headd.



...with the Galaxy's most powerful mortar headd.

That is why the Holy Father could send you on this mission alone...



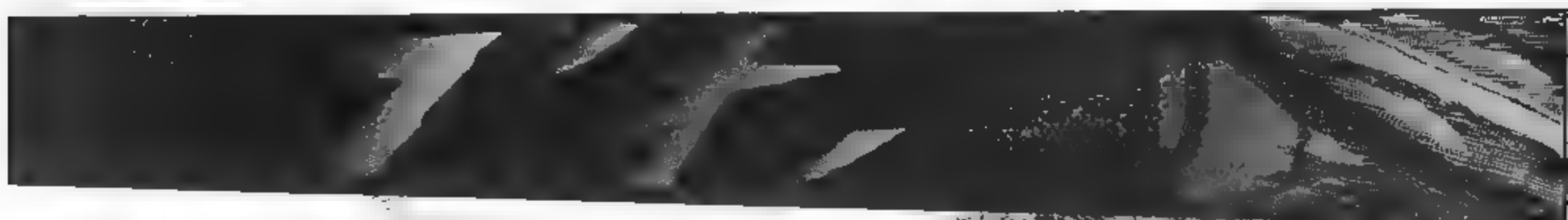
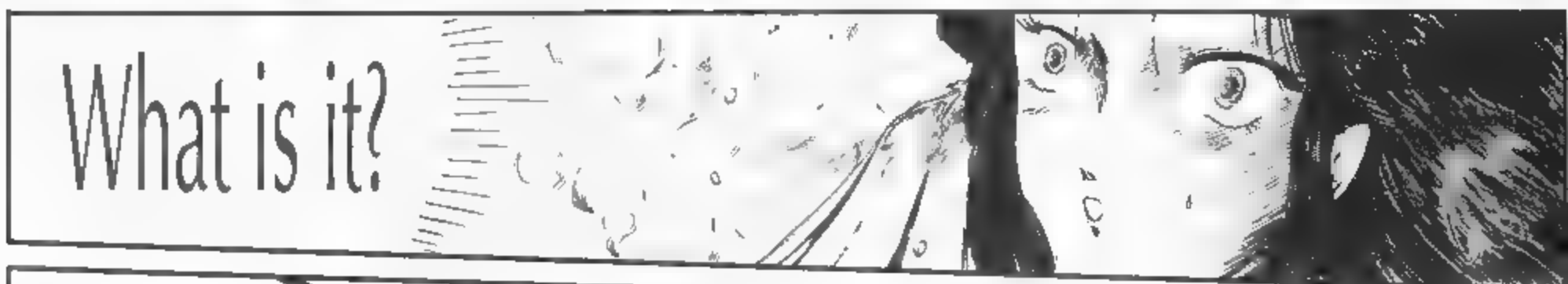
Ssizz! Shut down  
all the power in  
the dorrey.







What is it?



The only thing in the  
Galaxy no mortar headd  
could ever subdue in  
combat...

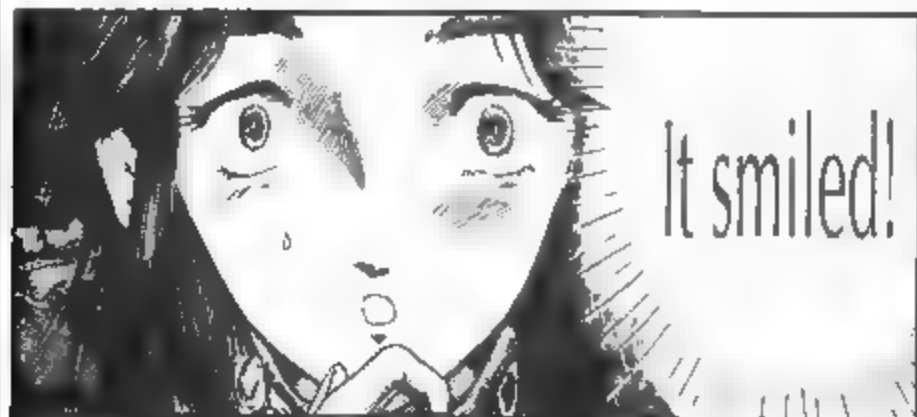
What a  
beautiful  
creature!



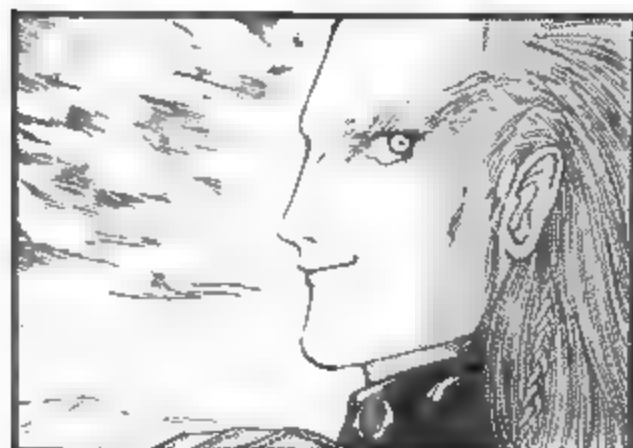
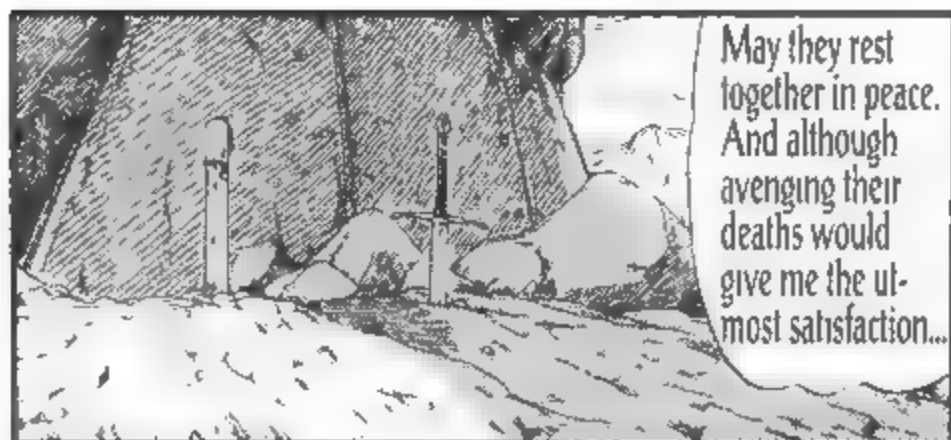












It is JC 2989,  
a month after the death of Colus III,  
in a year filled with memorable  
events...

One of which will happen when Sir  
Muse meets up with the Ashura  
Temple, the mortar headd that  
caused the suffering he and Ssizz  
witnessed on their way through  
Kastenpo.



Kastenpo, a yet unconquered region in the central portion of the continent Gnann on the planet Both.

It consists of five neutral autonomous regions lining a transcontinental highway known as "The Dragon Road."

Kastenpo is a huge political vacuum of free cities in the midst of seemingly boundless wilderness.

This story, originally called "Traffics," is divided into three main parts consisting of many episodes.



There will be episodes, short in length as they may be, that are, nevertheless, of heavy import for our *Five Star Stories* as a whole. Let's stop over for a bit and see what's happening on the Dragon Road these days.



I'm the most trustworthy agent in the business. I'm not bragging, either. I'm the only one in the Guild who has never had one bit of trouble.



I'm telling you for the last time...

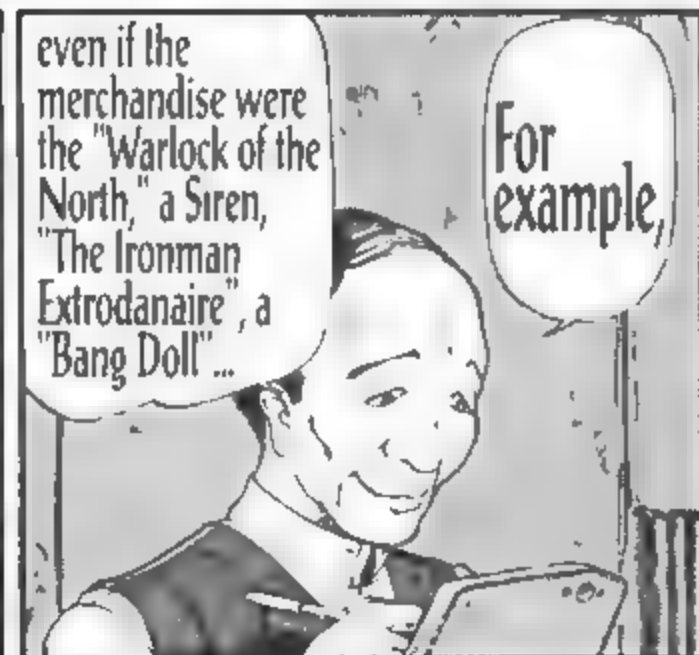
Are you sure you can be trusted?



Huh?!



even if the merchandise were the "Warlock of the North," a Siren, "The Ironman Extrordinaire", a "Bang Doll"...



For example,

No one would dare lay a finger on what's been left in my care.



...or that you're travelling with your lovely fatima...



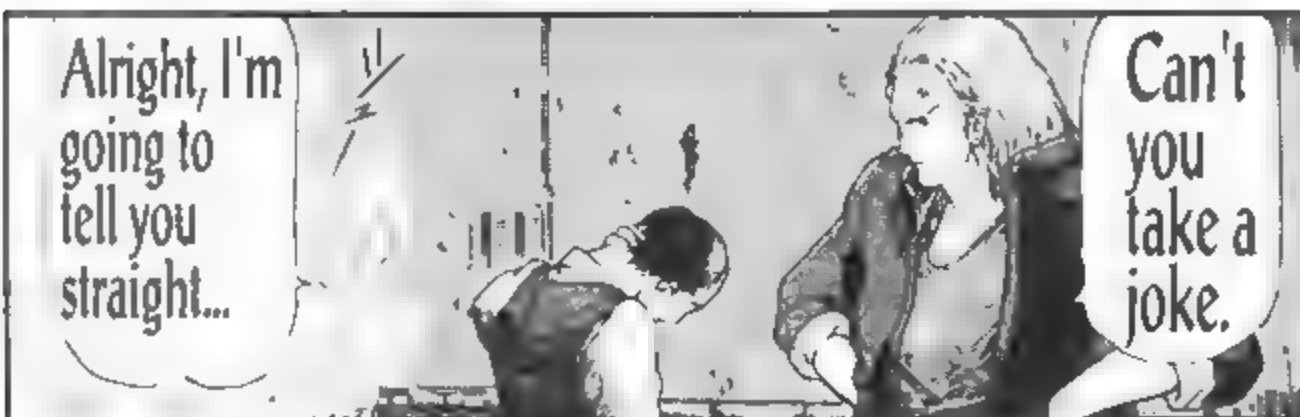
No one's saying that you're a headliner, sir...



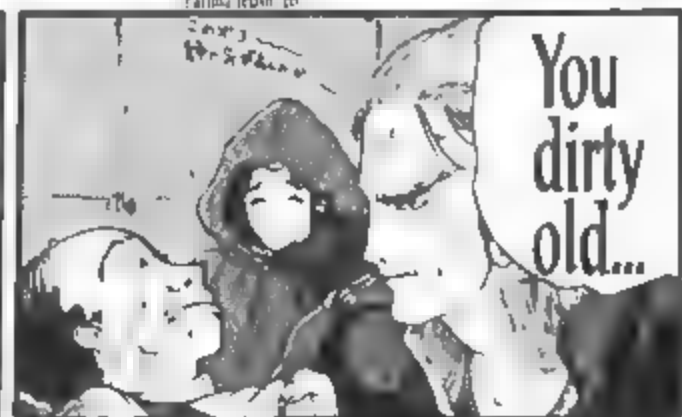
Don't get me wrong!



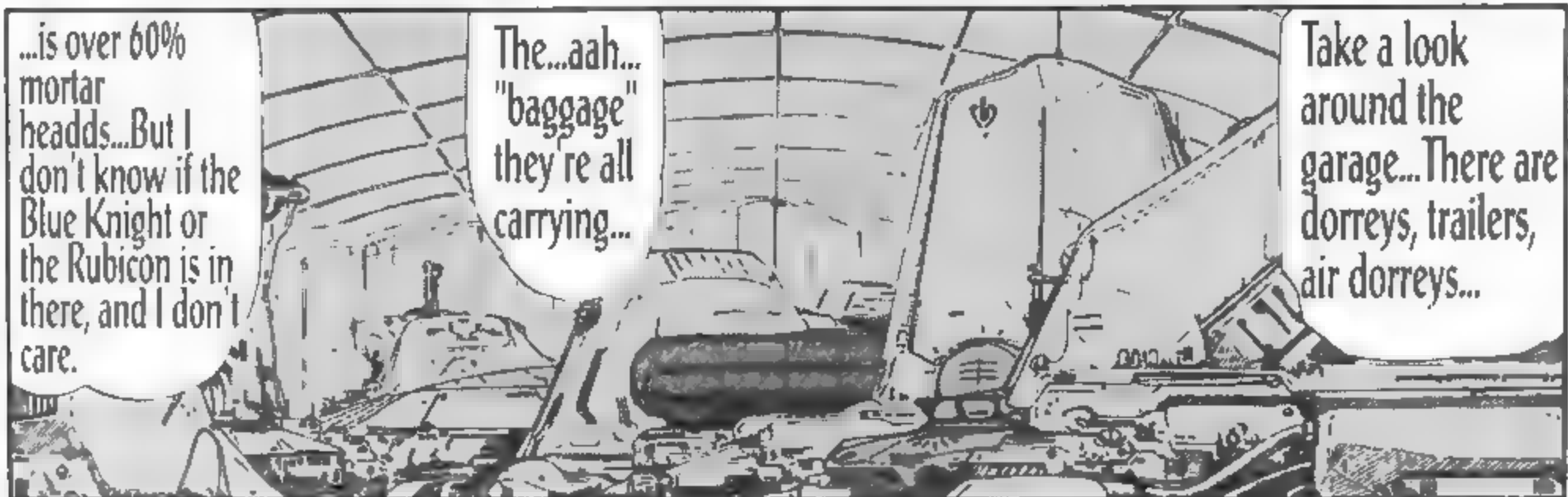
Alright, I'm going to tell you straight...



Can't you take a joke.

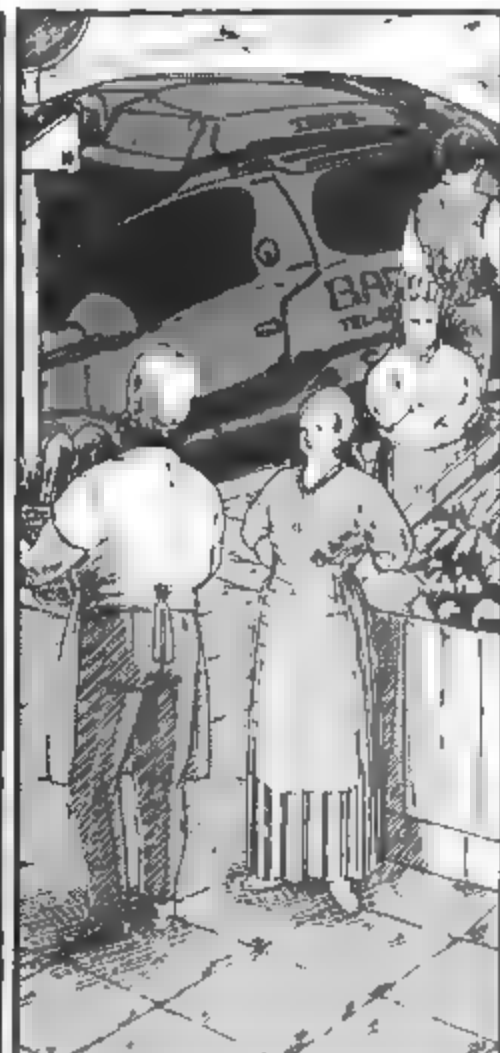
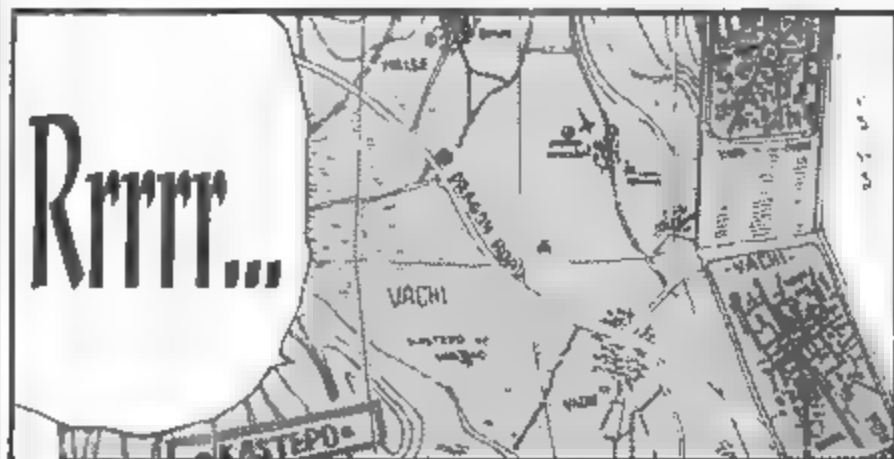


...is over 60% mortar headds...But I don't know if the Blue Knight or the Rubicon is in there, and I don't care.



The...aah... "baggage" they're all carrying...

Take a look around the garage...There are dorreys, trailers, air dorreys...

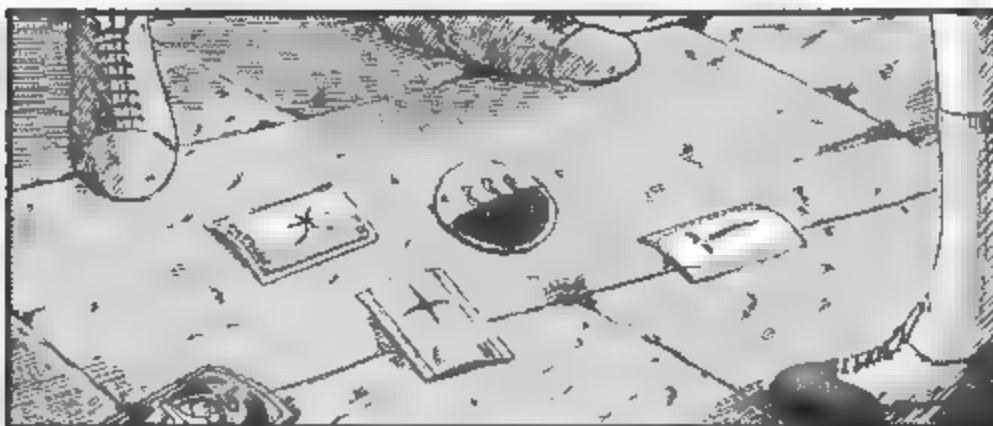


\*The point prices of the wares are not to be taken as a guide. One for her next night to between five and six dollars.

those smiling  
faces would no  
doubt shrive  
up into  
grimaces of  
horror or  
seething  
curiosity.  
That's  
something no  
headliner  
could ever  
stomach.



But as soon as  
the townsfolk  
see she's a  
talma



Playland of the  
Kneue Syltiss and  
Jota Space  
Knights?...All empty  
rumors! Gag me  
with a spoon!



What a  
waste of a  
ten day  
vacation!

...Nothing but  
low-life head-  
liner types.  
M'God.



This town  
is sooooo  
boorring...



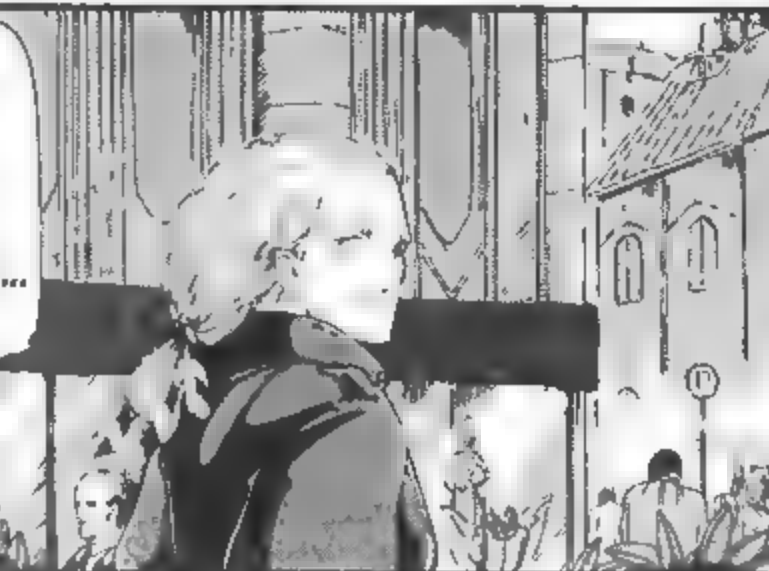
That's 'cause  
they've gone  
somewhere  
else.



I haven't  
seen anyone  
around here  
yet with that  
kind of class.



Head-  
liner  
groupies...





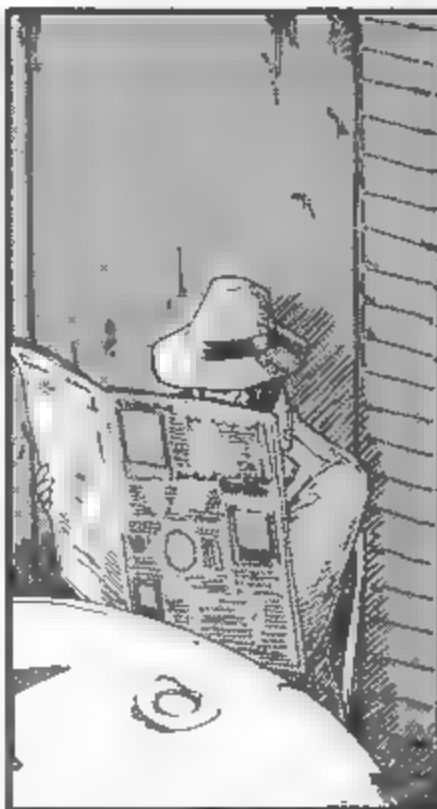


Whaddya mean. This is your big chance, kid...

No. Please stop!

Eeh...please sir... You are disturbing the other guests.

...to date a headd-liner.



Oh my. An altercation...

Get outta here before I....

You see my dear, they tend to get quite messy, even life threatening at times.

No, no, I must decline. I want no part of such squabbles.

Hm?

Can't you do something to quiet things down, my lordship?

A curse  
be upon  
me!



If I were only  
a more accom-  
plished  
headdliner.

Oh my God!  
I've brought a  
frown to the  
my beautiful  
Ayako's  
countenance!



That's a  
bit apa-  
thetic,  
wouldn't  
you say?



Oh God,  
give me the  
strength to  
go on!



...That I have  
caused the loss  
of your smiling  
faces. How am  
I to live with  
myself?

A thousand  
pardons,  
ladies. I lost  
my head.



Please, your  
lordship,  
don't...

...Why  
have you  
foresaken  
me?



All you  
gave me  
was wealth  
and  
position...



Huh?



Pleeeez,  
stop!

Come  
on. Let's  
get outta  
here.



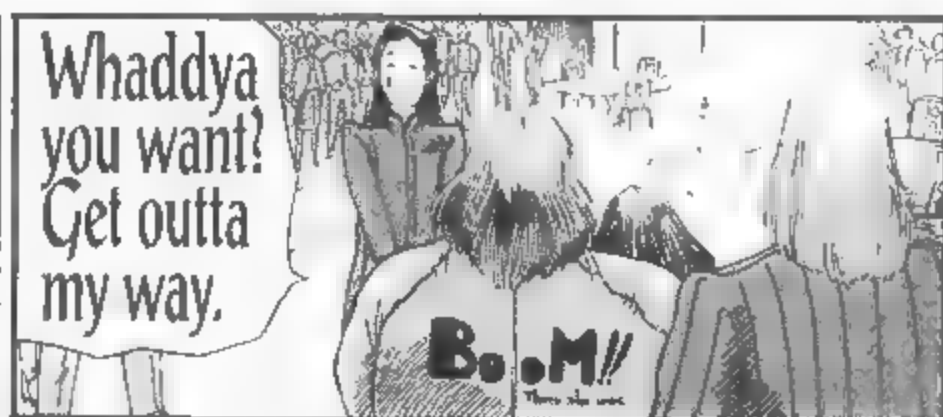


You seem to be a reasonable man.



Open up a path, if you don't want to get hurt.

What's it to you, coolie?



Whaddya you want? Get outta my way.



I think you should let her go, my good knight.



All I ask is that you act like a headliner and let her go.



Heh-heh.

You holier-than-thou bastards give me a pain in the ass.



Who is this courageous lad?



That kid's gonna be chopped in two.

This has gone far enough.



The lady is obviously resisting.



It would  
just  
escalate  
things.

I wouldn't  
do any-  
thing  
rash, sir.

How'd you like  
to go preach  
that crap in the  
next world?





If he's not attended to within the next hour, he'll die.



His heart has been blown away.

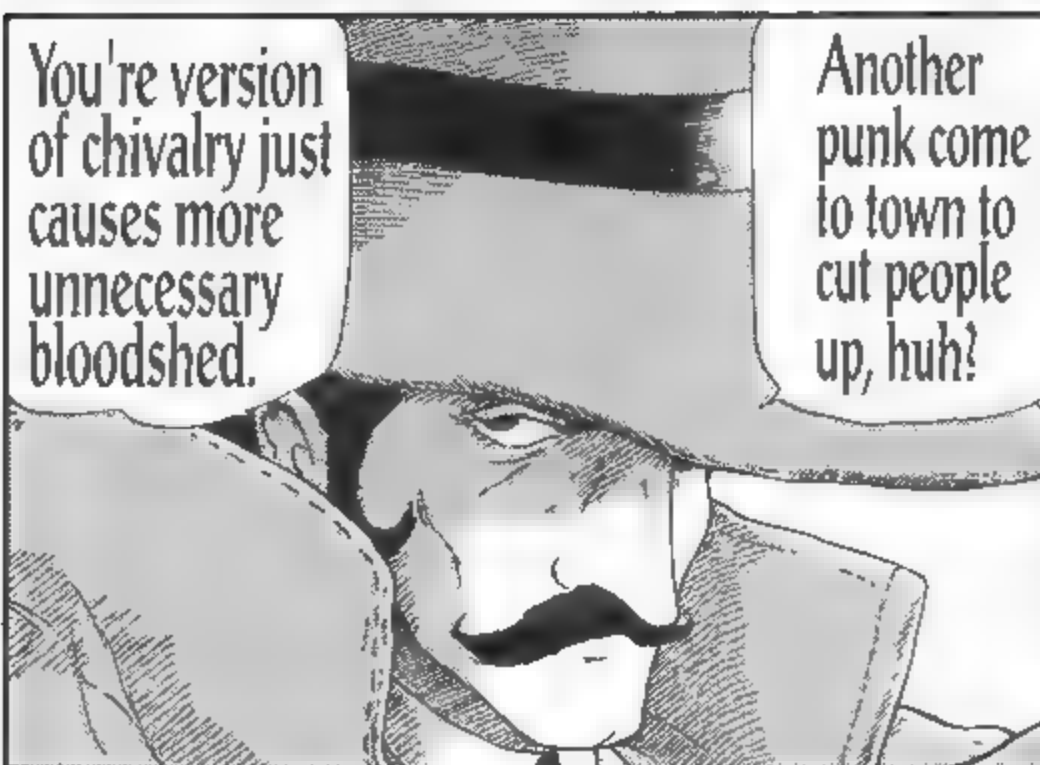


A diver!

He's a sorcerer!



You knew!

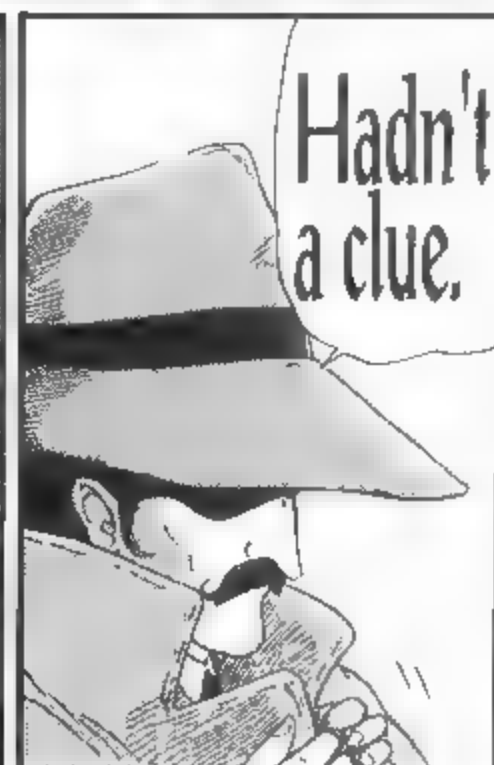


You're version of chivalry just causes more unnecessary bloodshed.

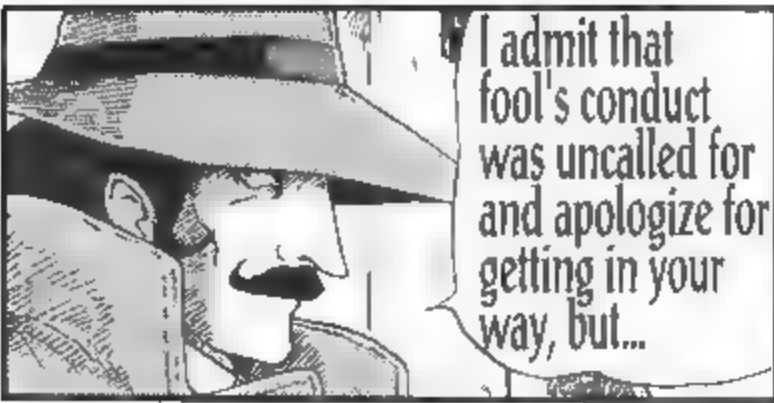
Another punk come to town to cut people up, huh?



Then why'd you stop me?



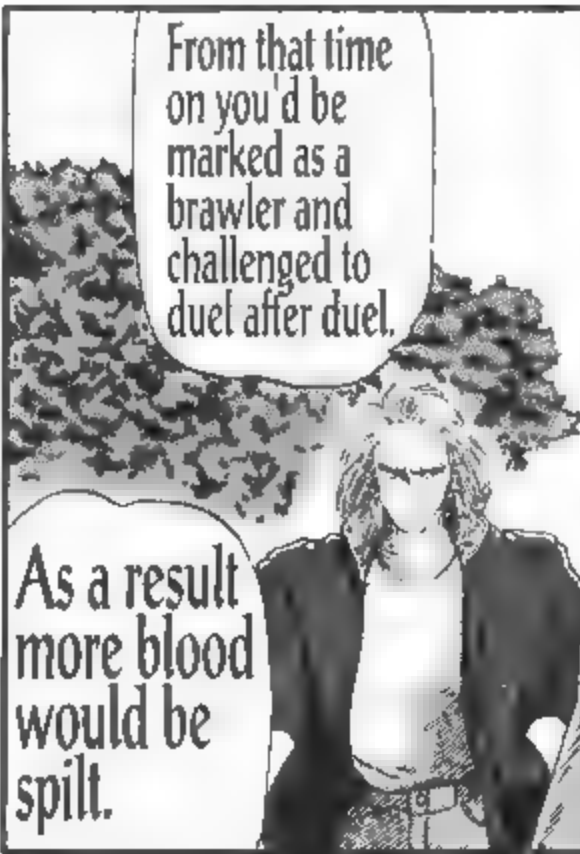
Hadn't a clue.



I admit that fool's conduct was uncalled for and apologize for getting in your way, but...



State your name, you ill-mannered SOB!

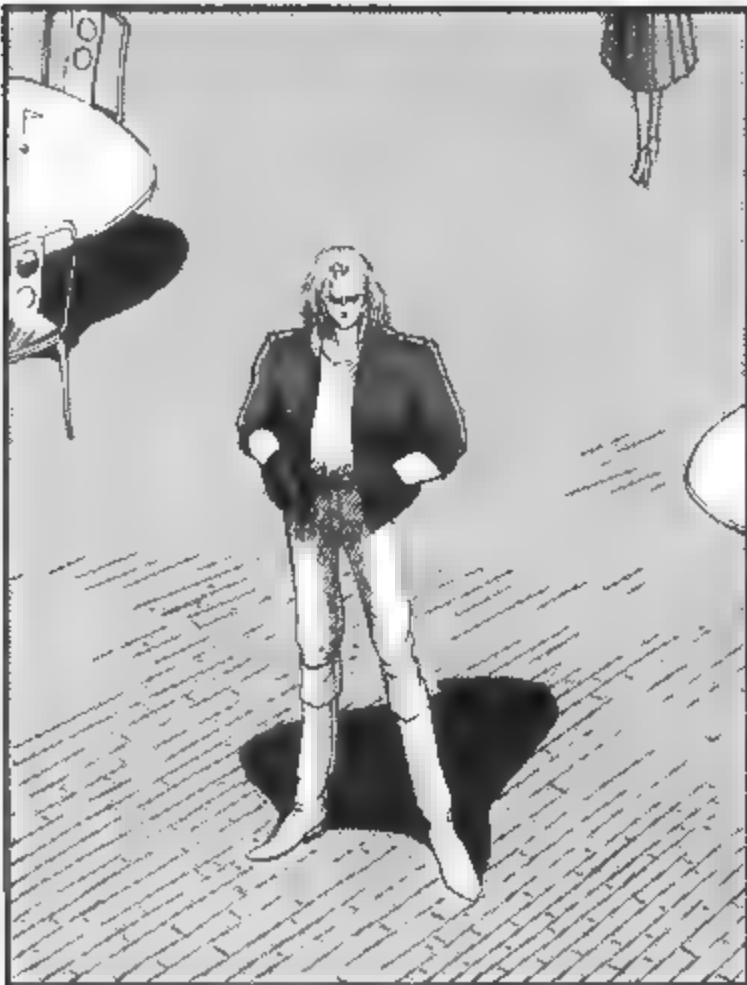


From that time on you'd be marked as a brawler and challenged to duel after duel.

As a result more blood would be spilt.



Let's say you stepped in and severed that headliner's arm...



How dare he stop a Lown Knight in action...



Not telling you my name may indeed be ill-mannered, but in a place like this? Do you think I'm some sort of moron?



This is too deplorable, even for the vis-count.

And just who may this lady be?



I finally found you.

Oh there you are, darling.

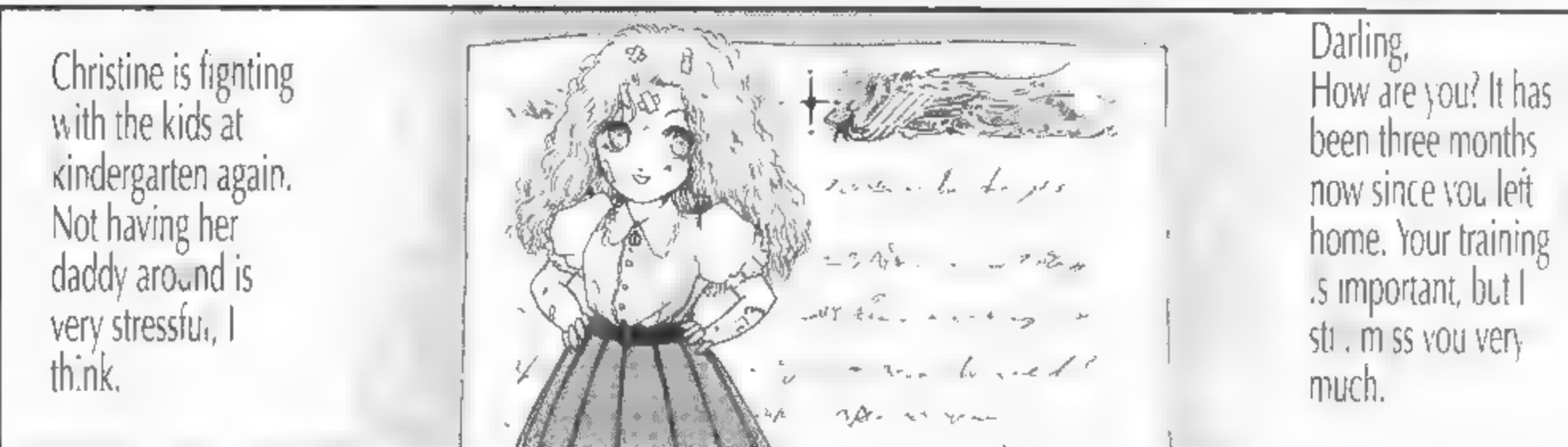
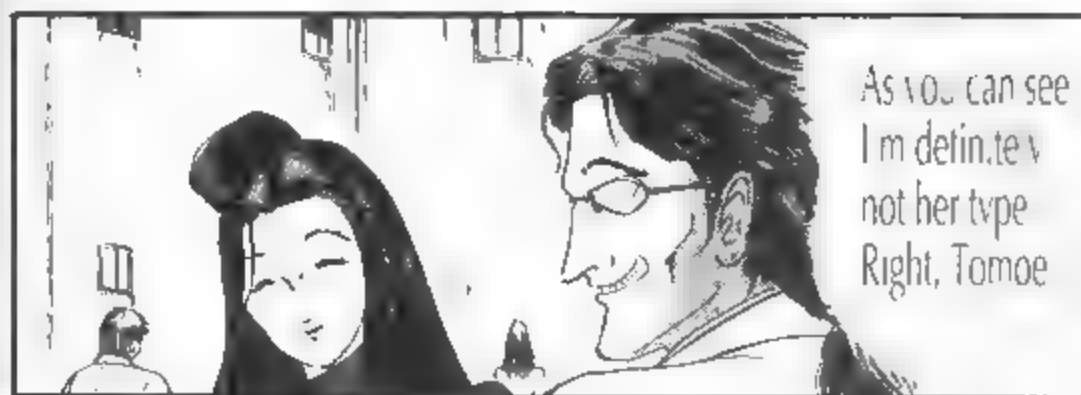
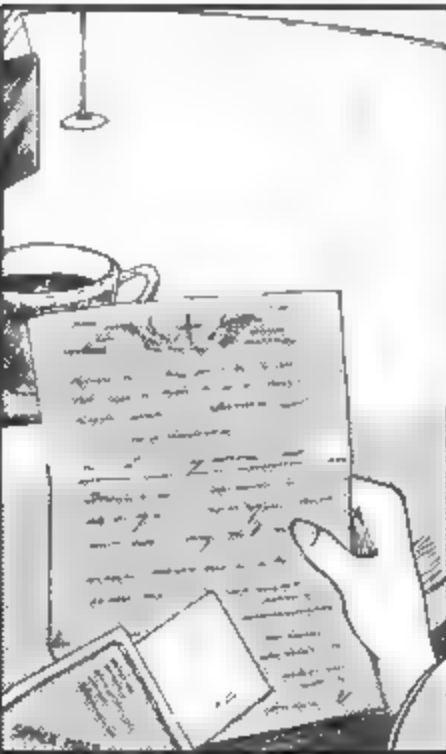
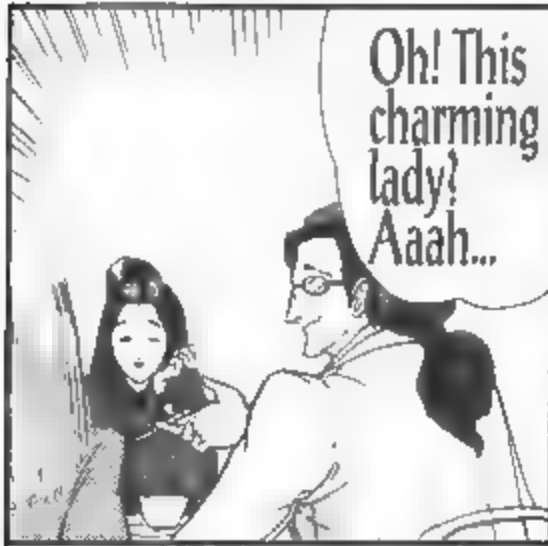


Hello there, your lordship.

Well, everything's back to normal, I see.

Jh-jh. hand in the cookie jar again.





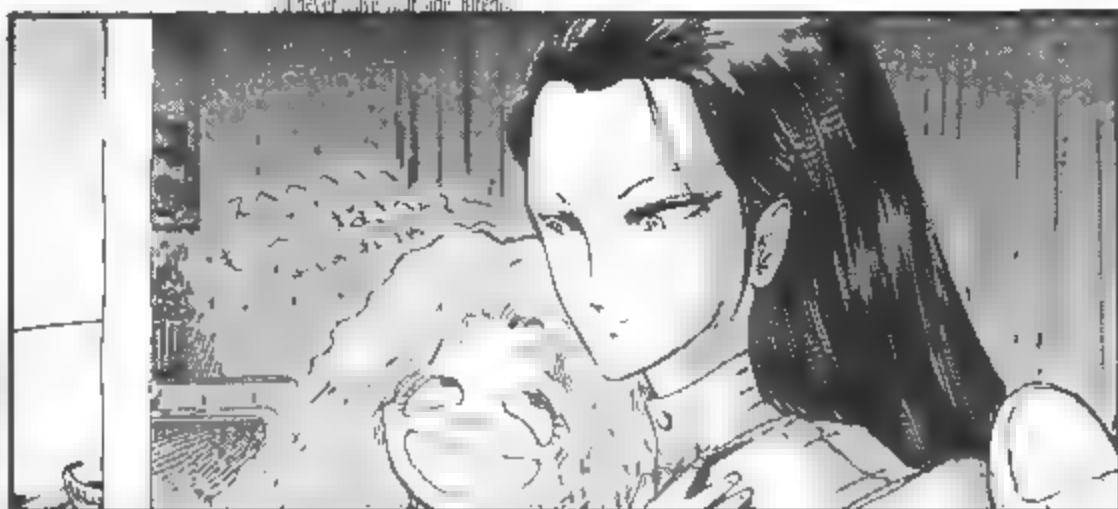


Sr Breno comes to often these days. He must be very nervous since Sr. Vra goes to the castle. There's a lot of trouble over who's going to inherit Sr. Vra's govt. on Castle.



...it's only Breno Canzian. She has good taste though, don't you think.

And she's tall enough with someone. But don't worry darling.



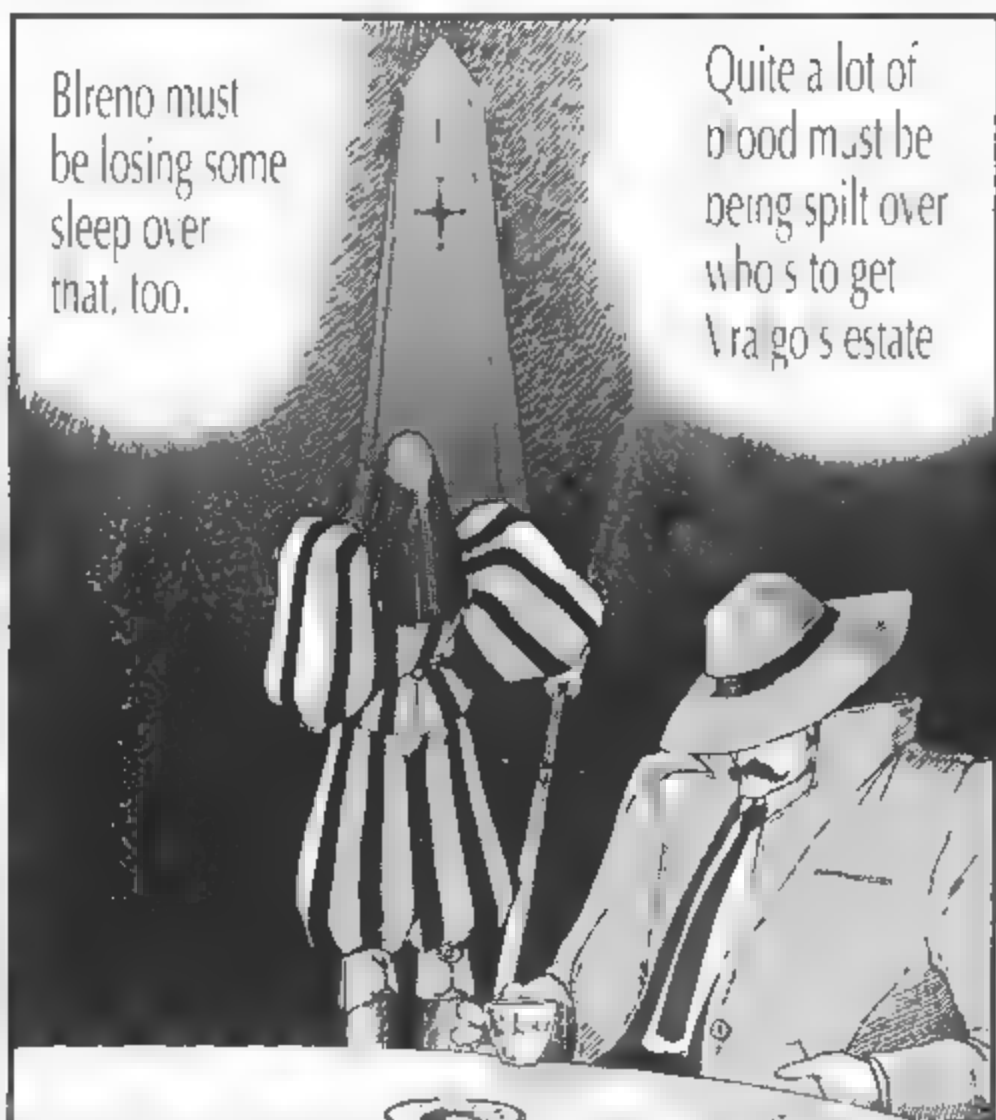
...won't ruin his future.

Breno, huh. I just hope that falling in love with his fatima...

Love and may your Siren always shimmer with pride...



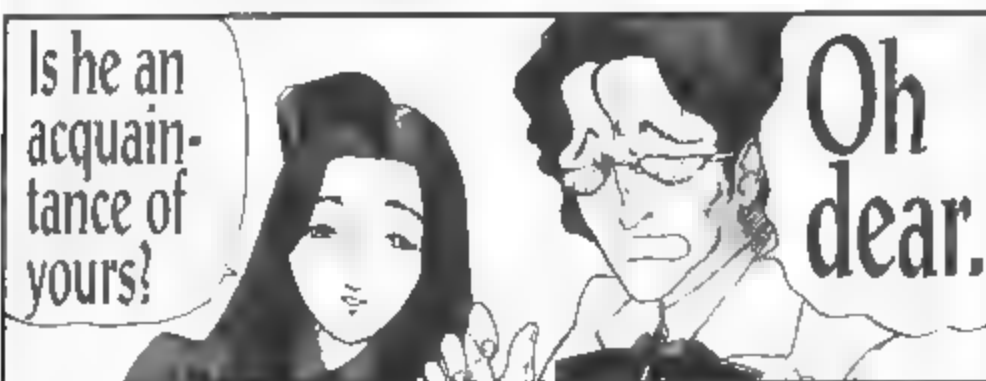
And me! I'm just dog tired...



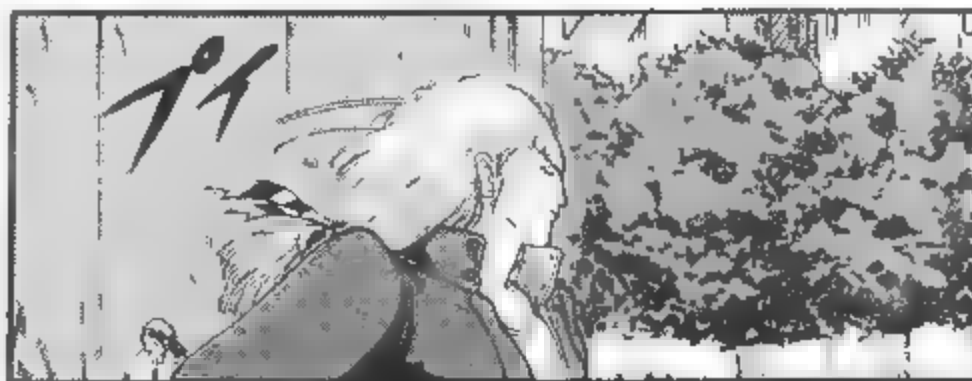
Breno must be losing some sleep over that, too.

Quite a lot of blood must be being spilt over who's to get Vra go's estate

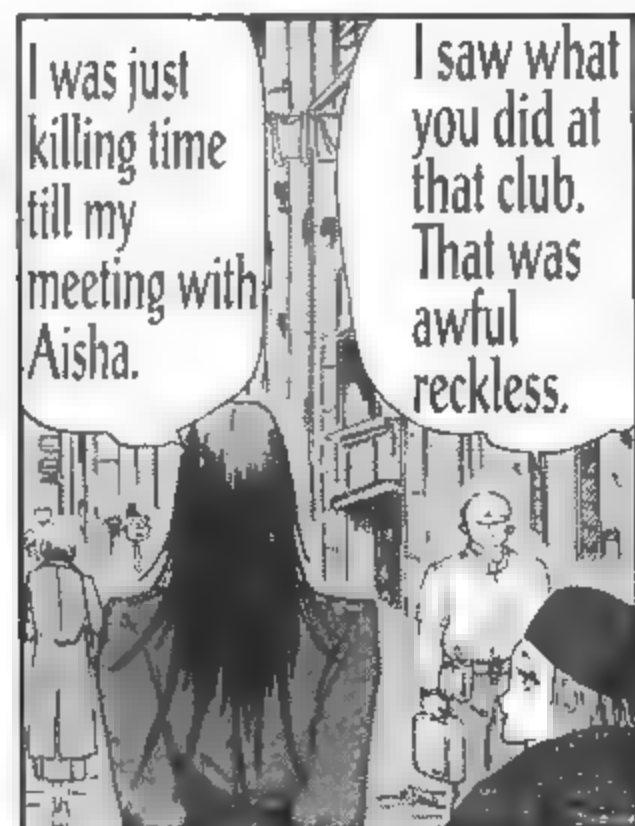




Oh dear.







I was just killing time till my meeting with Aisha.

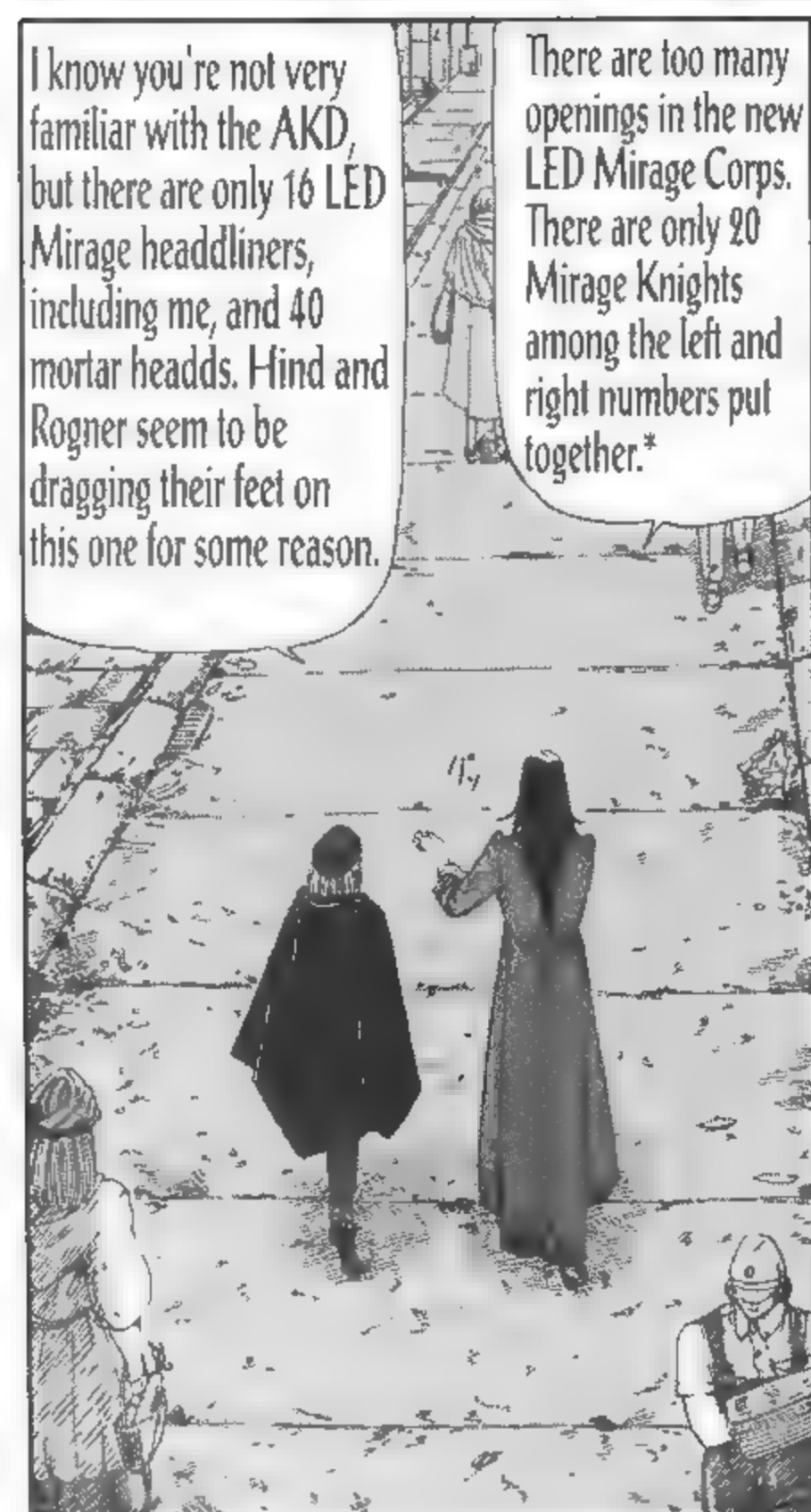
I saw what you did at that club. That was awful reckless.



Hi.



Sir Ting!

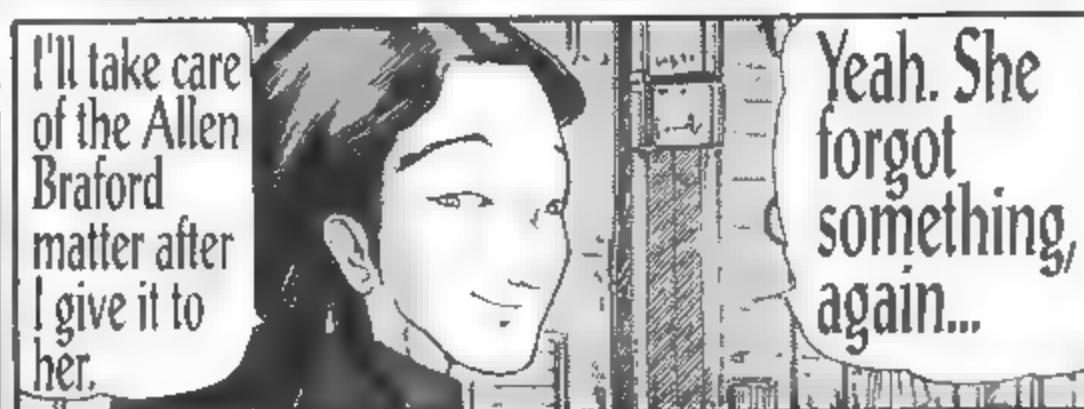


I know you're not very familiar with the AKD, but there are only 16 LED Mirage headdliners, including me, and 40 mortar headds. Hind and Rogner seem to be dragging their feet on this one for some reason.

There are too many openings in the new LED Mirage Corps. There are only 20 Mirage Knights among the left and right numbers put together.\*



You mean Aisha's coming here!?



I'll take care of the Allen Braford matter after I give it to her.

Yeah. She forgot something, again...



We haven't had any new right numbers in the Mirages since Lonn and Specter.

Ahuh...

Allen Braford? The headd-liner?



If there's anybody in this town fit to muster into the Far Eastern Mirage Corps, we'll find him.

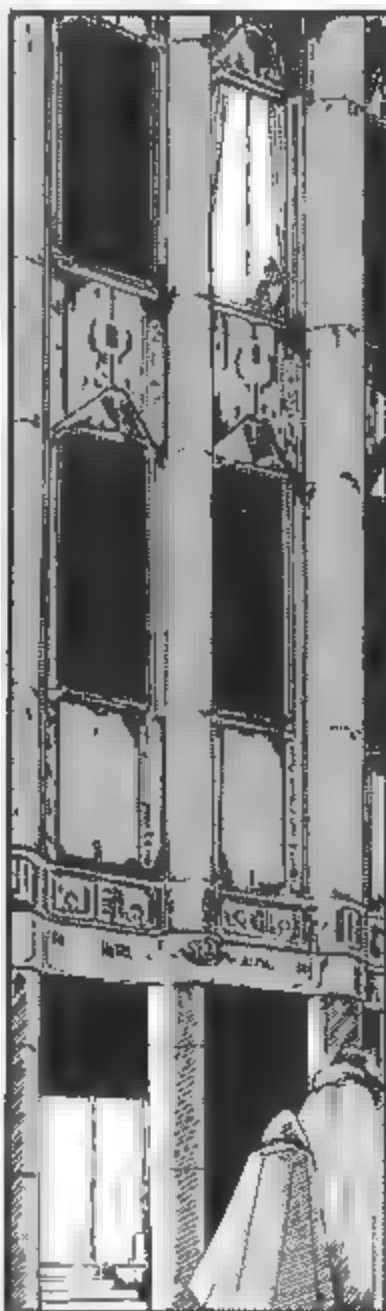
So we won't be able to return to the Emperor's side until we scout out some new recruits.

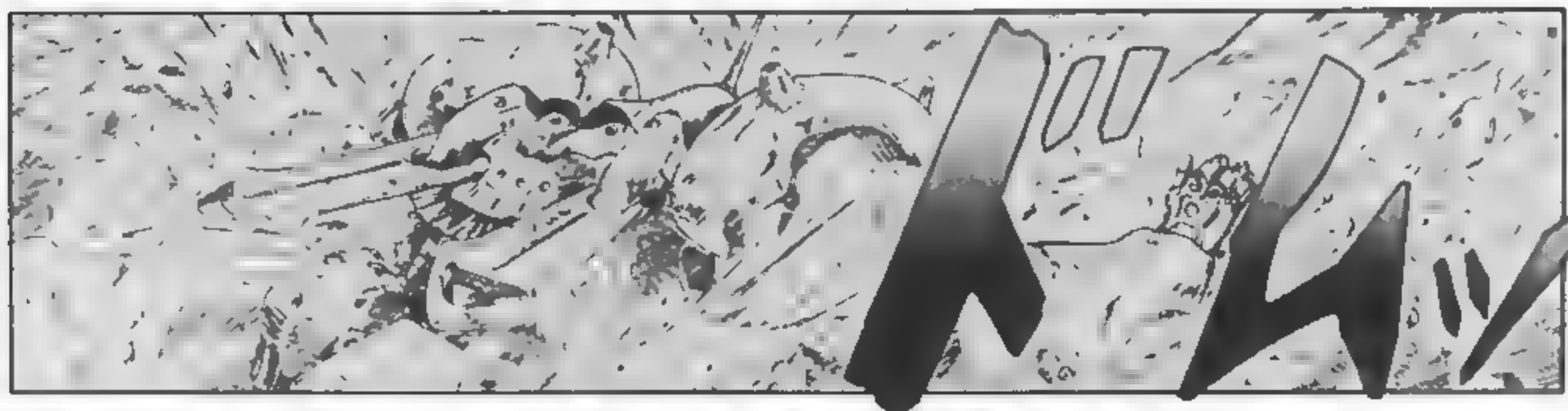


Afraid to be seen in broad daylight, huh?

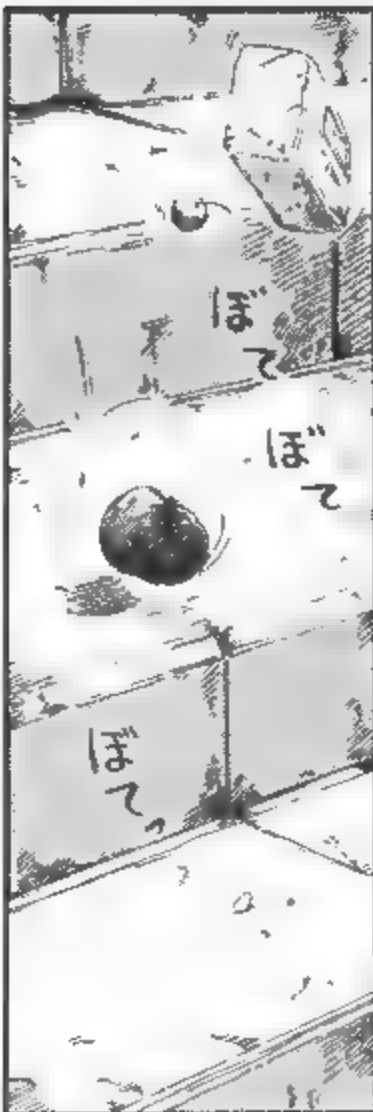
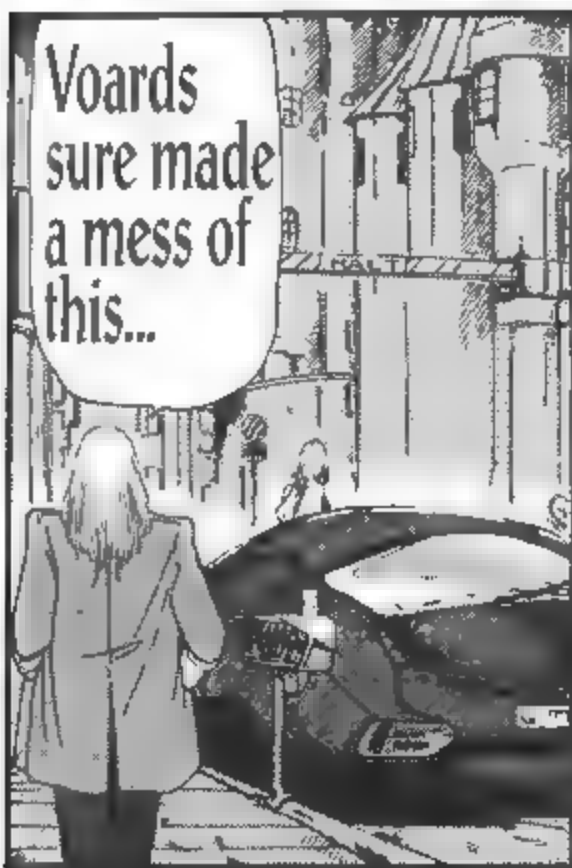
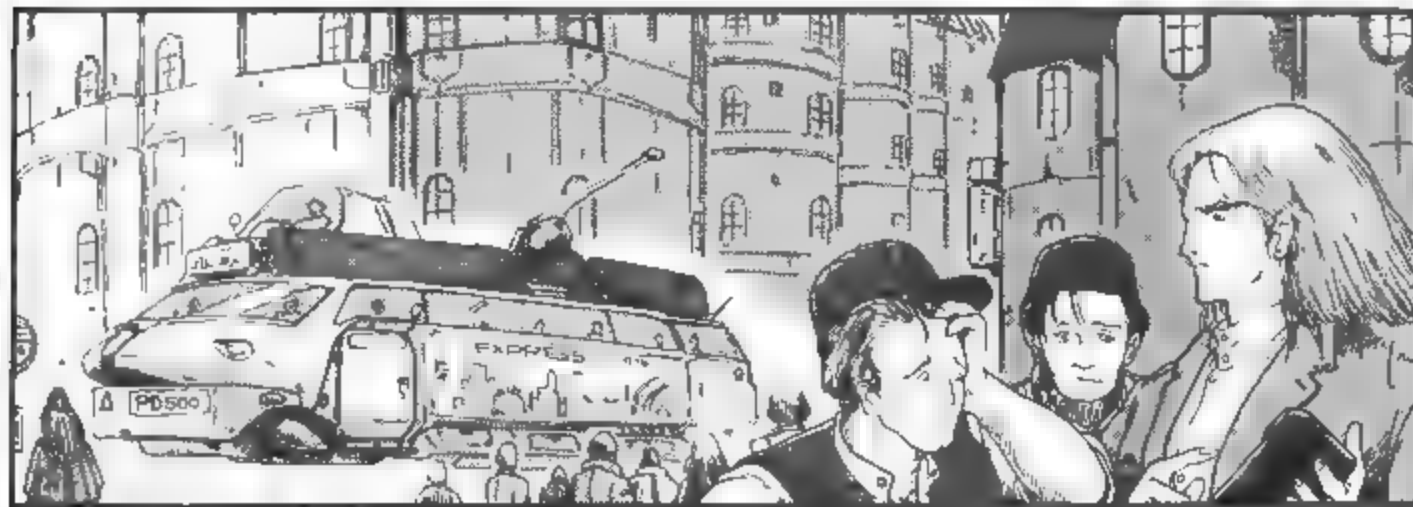


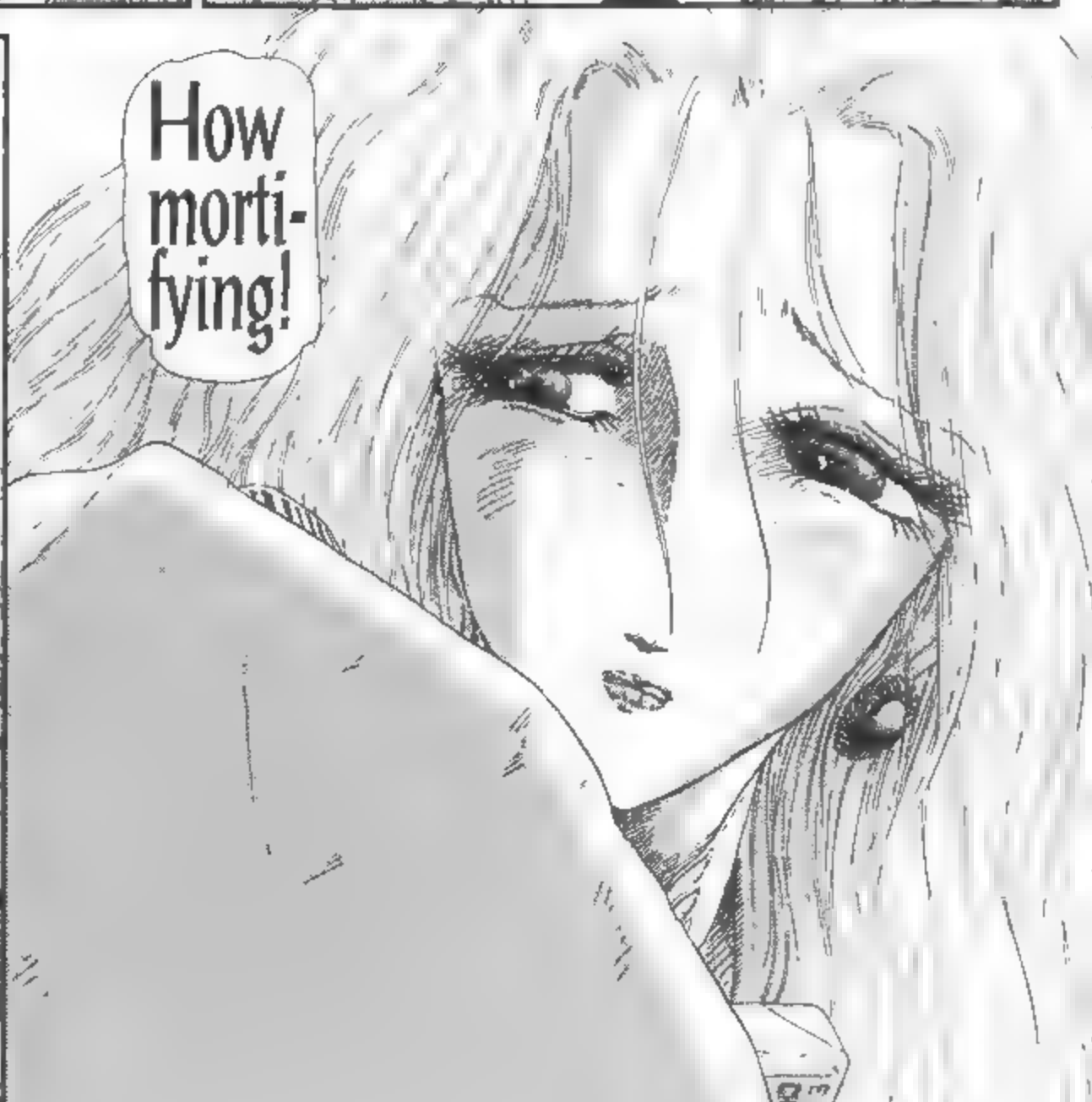
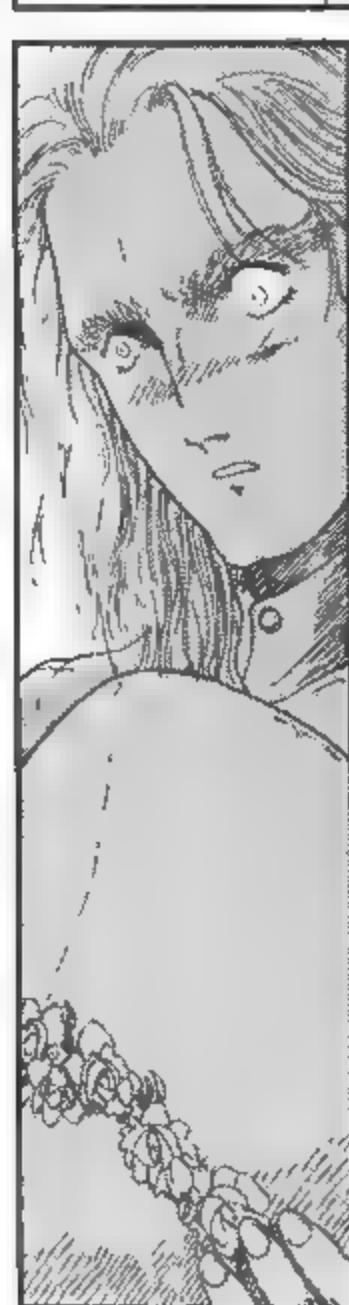
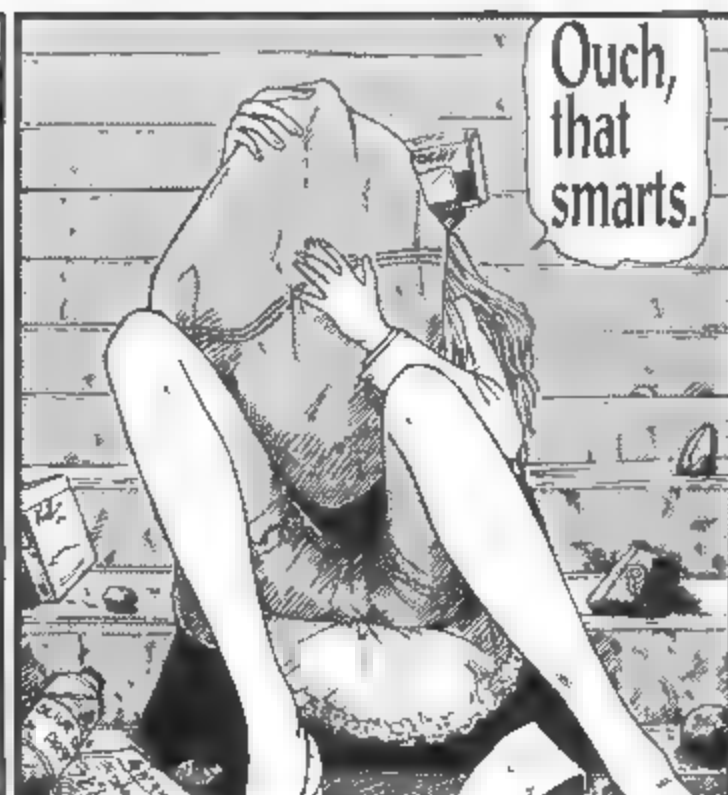
Another headliner and his fatima using the dark of night to go about their business.





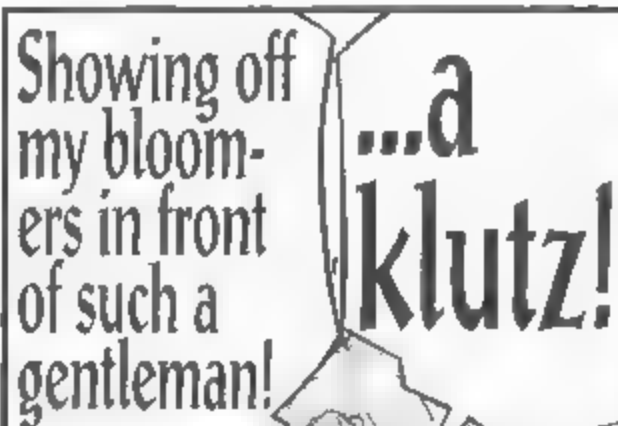








Just give it back! All of it, and leave!





Then there's the hotel bill...

Sob... Nice goin'. The groceries are ruined. Thank goodness Alecto doesn't eat...

That's what I get for forgetting my credit card.

Just get into town and the first thing you do is make a damn fool of yourself!

...but with my appetite... What are we going to do!!

Soon nothing will be left.

びんがさ さらさら...

Soon....

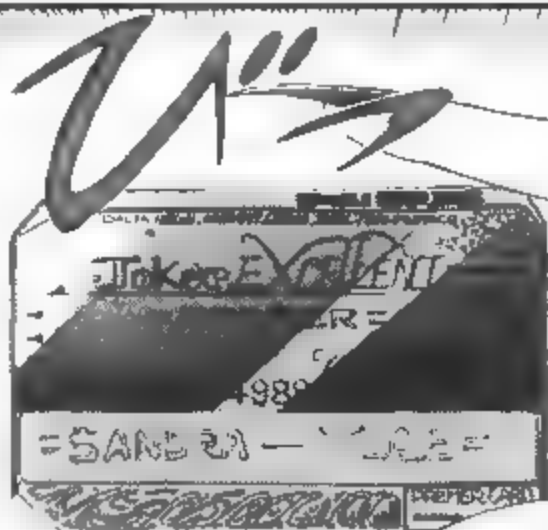
A little over the hill, but what the hell...

Okay. Let's go.

Hey baby, all I got is a feather.

All I have is...my body.

Yipes!



If that what it comes to...

Miss Sandra Ylqe would certainly be preferable to "FEMC Orange Right No.2 Aisha Codante" during the rest of your stay in town.

After observing that graceful staircase descent a while ago...

Ting!

You forget something, aah...Miss Ylqe?

Go rot in hell!

That was an all-time beaver shot!

Oh shut up!

You just came to give me the card, right? Not going to hang around...spy...or anything?

I get your point.

Don't be like someone else I know, who takes off without telling anyone where he's going, then comes back with some strange woman!

You should return home immediately. Belda will be worried...and the Terror Mirage is waiting.

Give me a break...

You don't happen to have his number, do you?

What a body!

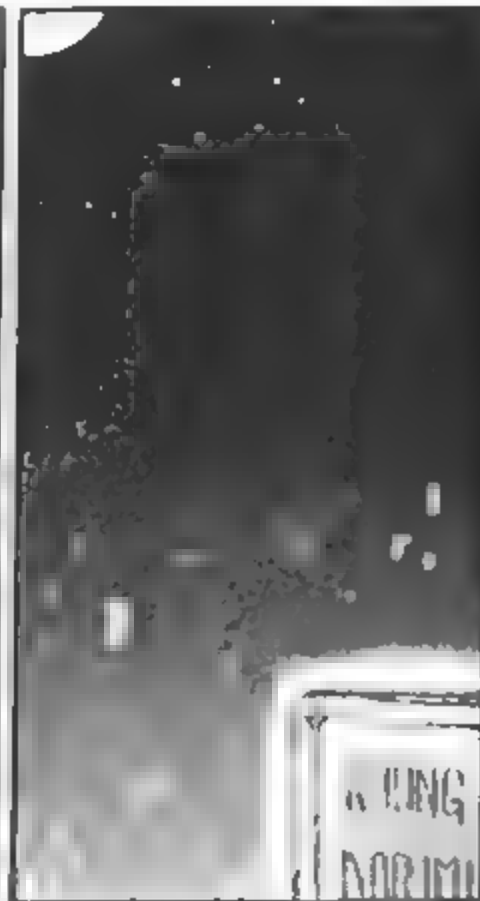
So handsome...

He was a knock-out.

By the way, who was that guy back there?

This town is also called "Duel City," and there's a headhunter on the loose.

But I'll tell you something else, Aisha...







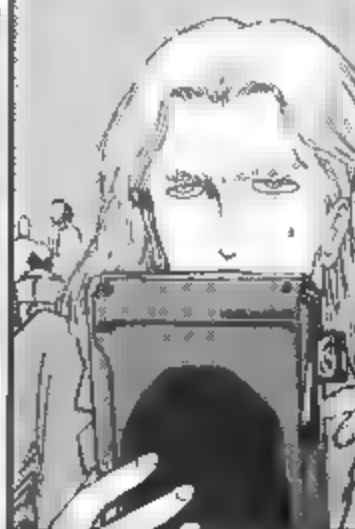
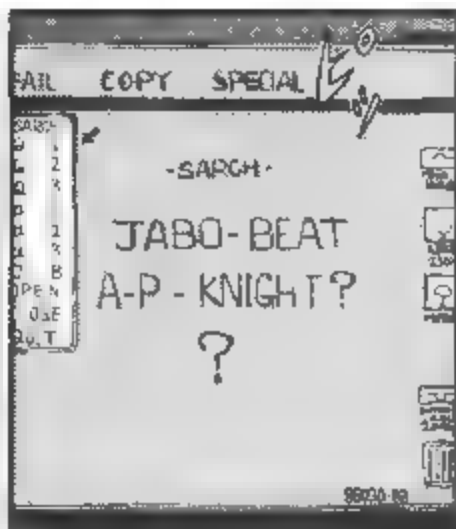
I'm sure she's...



That woman...



Can't be...



May I ask you something?

...to sit out on the terrace?



We met yesterday evening... Would you like...

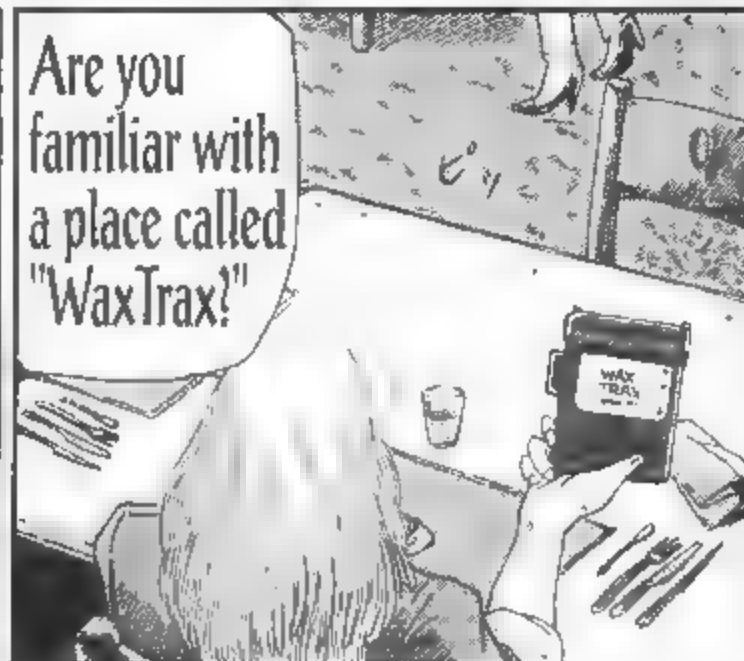


Looks can be deceiving.



There's a place by that name in the basement of the Tank Building on Yumo Street.

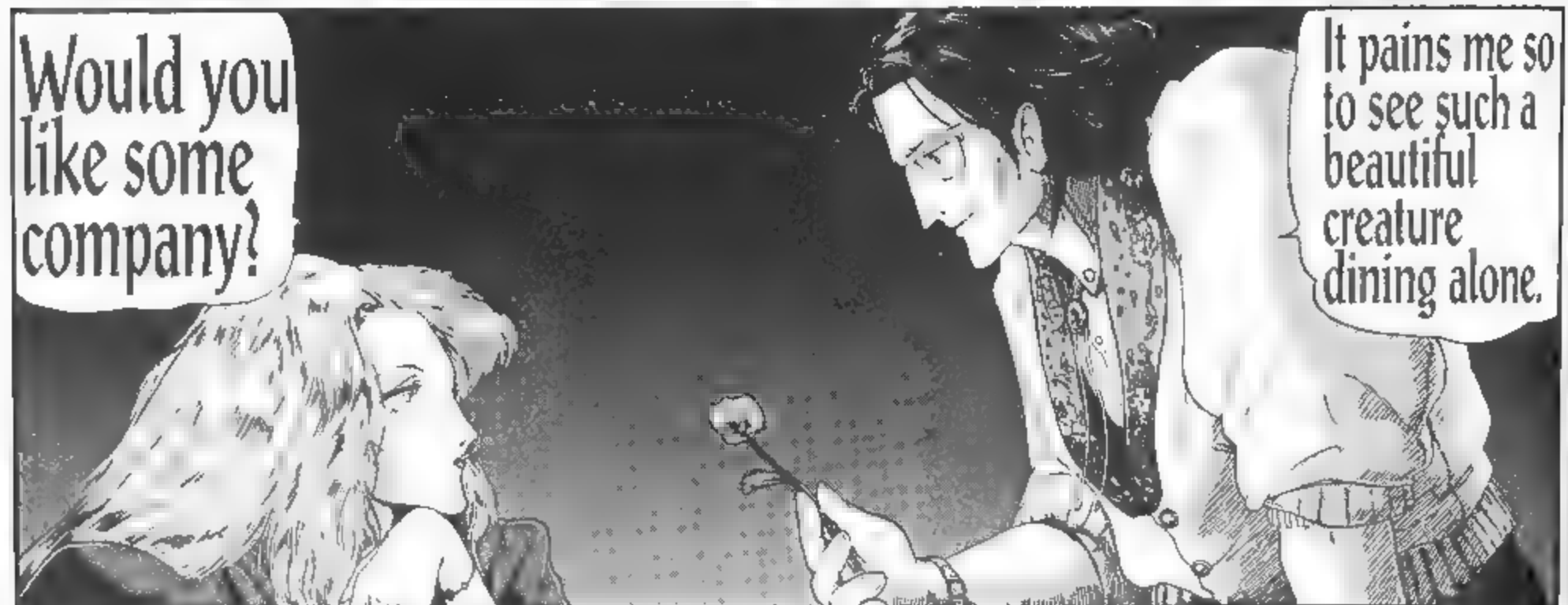
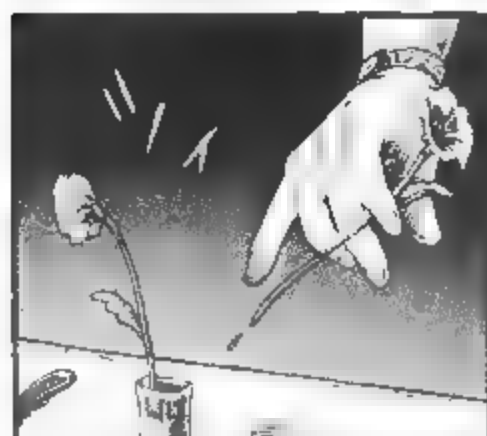
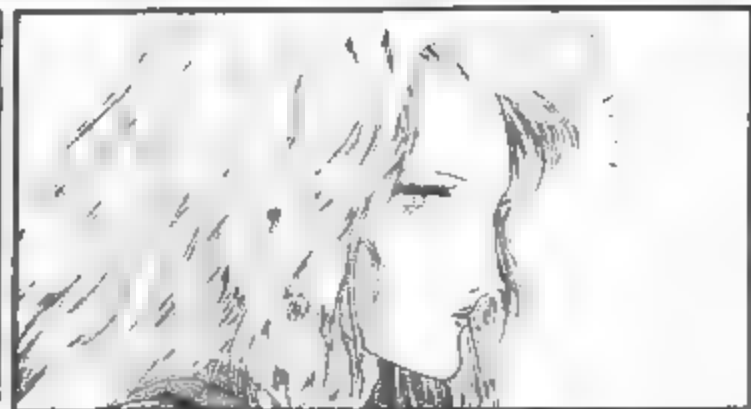
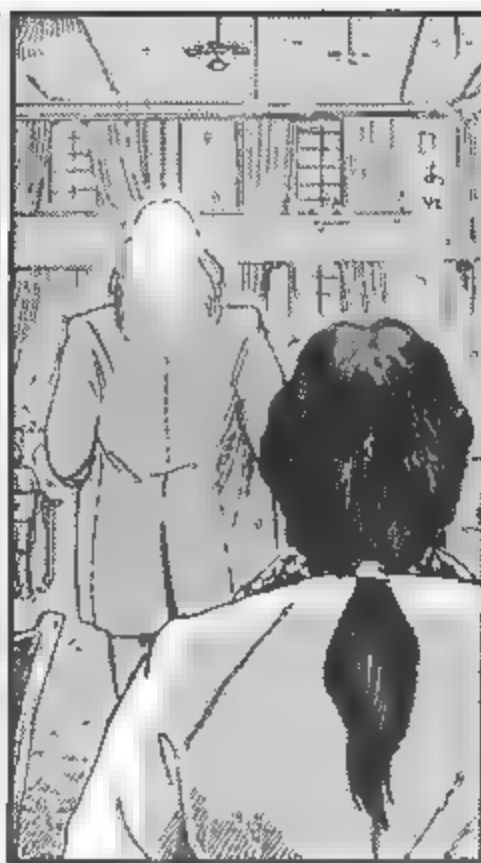
Hmmm...



Are you familiar with a place called "WaxTrax?"



Why yes... Of course... Anything...





Who's  
Dougulus?

Dougulus?!  
There must  
be some  
mistake!



I don't  
know...  
but  
maybe...



Who  
was  
that  
guy?



Sit down,  
Sir Dougu-  
lus, before  
you make  
a fool of  
yourself.

I'm here on private  
business, but I  
didn't forget my  
A-TOLL.



Come off it, Kaien.  
You can see I may  
not be wearing any  
Hathuha coat of  
arms.



A "Puppeteer"  
from the land  
of Coballkan.  
Impressed?



Cardinal  
Muse van  
Reyback...





Cardinal Muse is the White Knight under direct orders from His Holiness Pope Spanda. He holds the title "Carve of Lord," and thus deserves everyone's constant attention.

The Order of Lown Knights and their "Bang Dolls" are shrouded in secrecy, and summon high prices on the espionage market.



It seems that the bounty on your head is getting even more expensive, from the data I received when I got here. You must be at it again.

And...

I am impressed... nothing less from the Galaxy's most wanted headliner.



Well, why don't we...ah...celebrate our reunion by retiring to my quarters for some refreshment, eh Miss Jabo?

Why not?

Why?

Tell me about it.

It seems that news of my latest exploits is starting to get around.



How did everything turn out, Bishop Iler?

Tomoe!

We will relegate the Sirens, Bang Dolls, and A-TOLLS...

The era of the three great mortar headd is over.

...to the pages of history.

But isn't it true that there are headdliners who are better with the sword and those more skilled in the MH encounter?

This is a mission to show the world just how powerful and fearsome the Mejojo Imperial Court's Ashura Temple really is.

I didn't pay all that money so that I could sweep the streets!

It's not worth talking about. Because of you, my Ashura Temple is weeping in disgrace.

Let me go, Iler!

Gulp!

Since when did you become the headdliner expert? Your job is to bring me opponents.

We've  
got to  
make  
plans.

Anyway...The  
seed has  
already been  
sown...

Aren't  
twelve  
kills  
enough?

Check your  
weapons at  
the door.

It's a  
house  
rule.

Fatima...





A fellow by the name of Voards Viewlard told me about it.



What brings you to our establishment?



Let's drink a toast to old Voards...on the house.



That's a delightful name I haven't heard in a long time.

I'm still on active duty, if you don't mind.

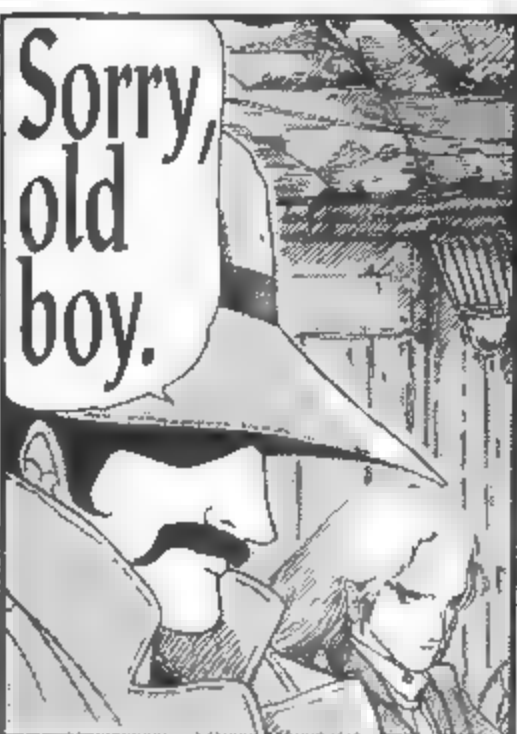


Whaddya mean... "used to be" ...

As you probably could tell when you came in, the owner of this place used to be a member of the Jota\* Space Knights.



Wow! Wax Trax buying a new customer a drink. Unheard of!



Sorry, old boy.

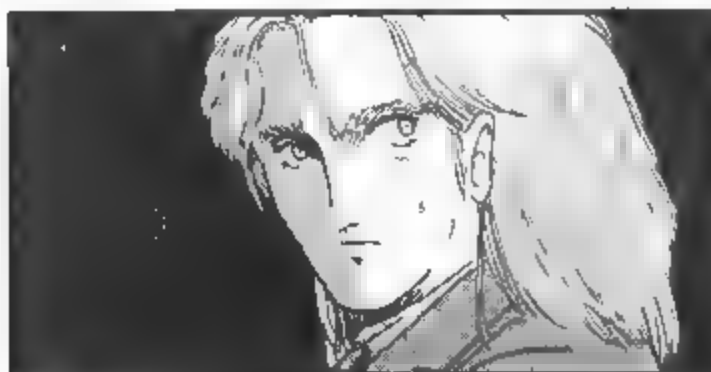


At a place called TYxaihigh, where they mine metoro-tekchrome\*...

Another horror story.



You're just in time for the latest news.

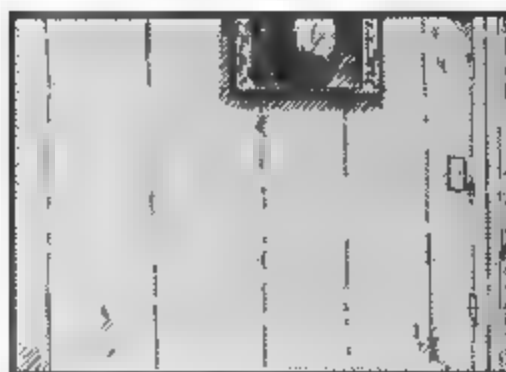
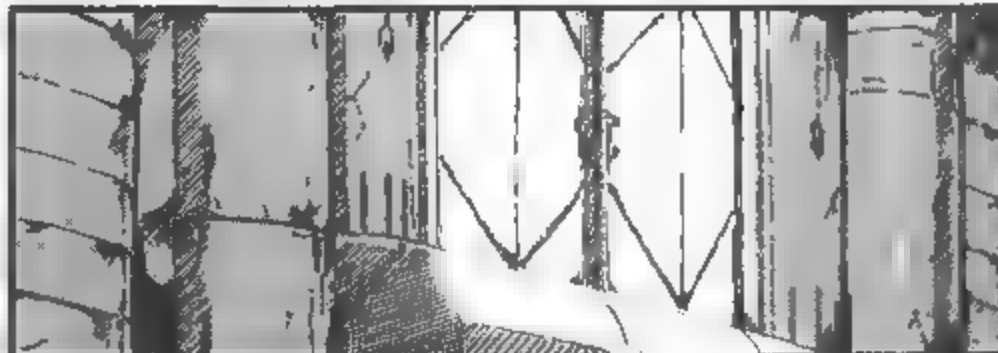
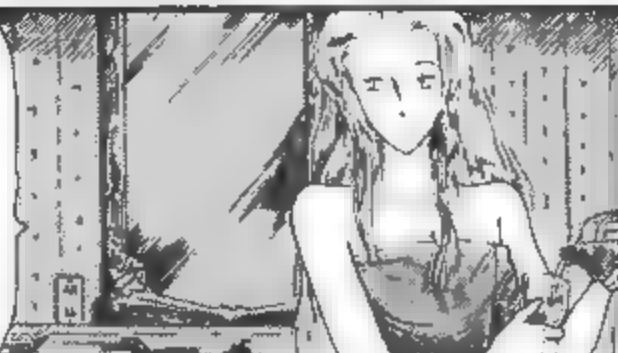


Master! That information is...



The Dark Knight again?

Since when did you become so talkative?



You're becoming the princess' eyes... very touching...

It's far too painful to share with anyone else but you.



...and a very sad state of affairs.

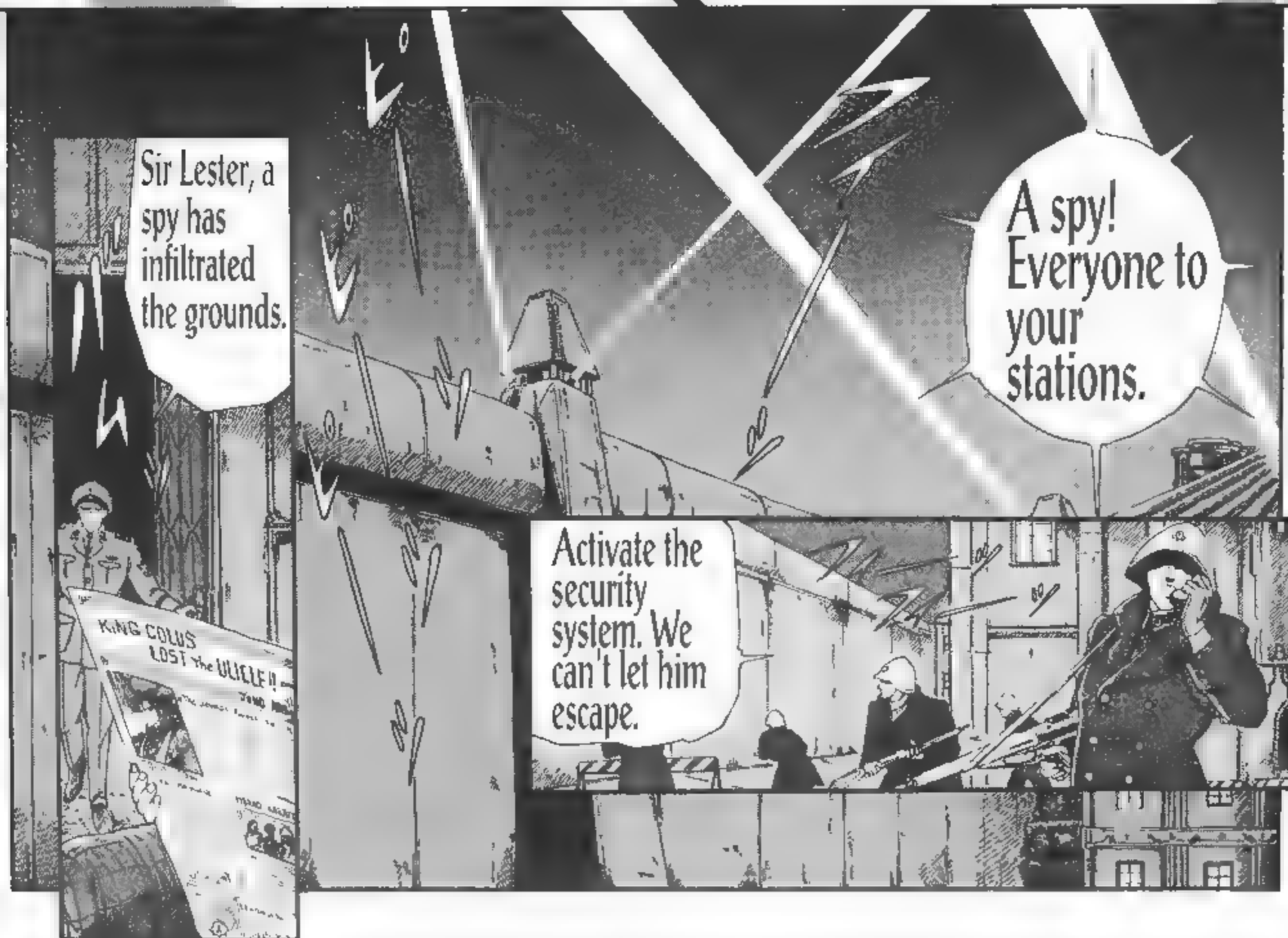
...around the time Colus III lost his fatima Ulicul, when what I call the Both Monster made his appearance.



It was exactly three months ago...

# The Silver Knight





Sir Lester, a  
spy has  
infiltrated  
the grounds.

A spy!  
Everyone to  
your  
stations.

Activate the  
security  
system. We  
can't let him  
escape.

KING COLUS  
LOST the UICLE!!

It's almost daybreak!



What is this? Visitors' day?

It seems to be a headliner, sir. Would you be so kind...

What's all the fuss about a silly cat burglar, for Christ sakes. Just exterminate the damn thing

It's alright. Go back to bed, Palset.



Master?



How considerate of her to come and check on a fatima that isn't one of hers.



She's been calling on us since we were in the Order of Bronze Knights.

Yes, just a while ago.



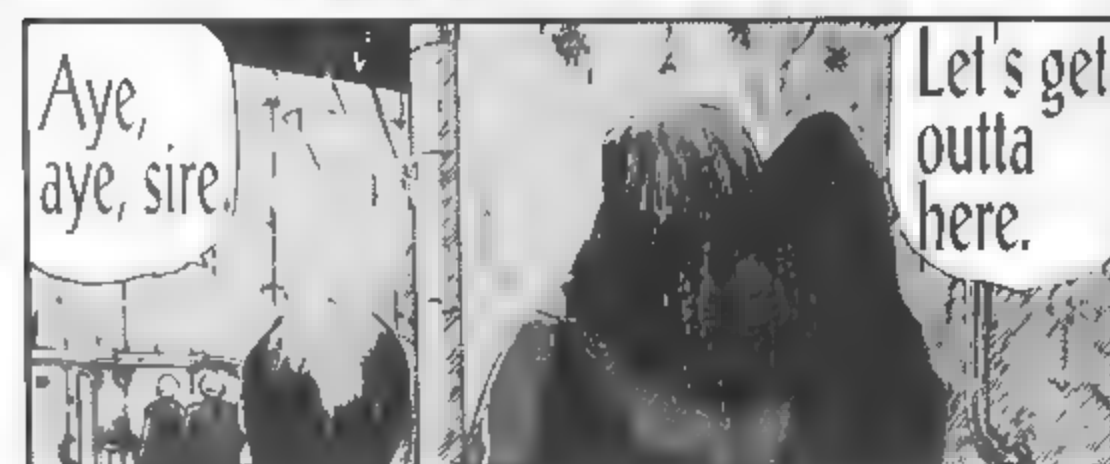
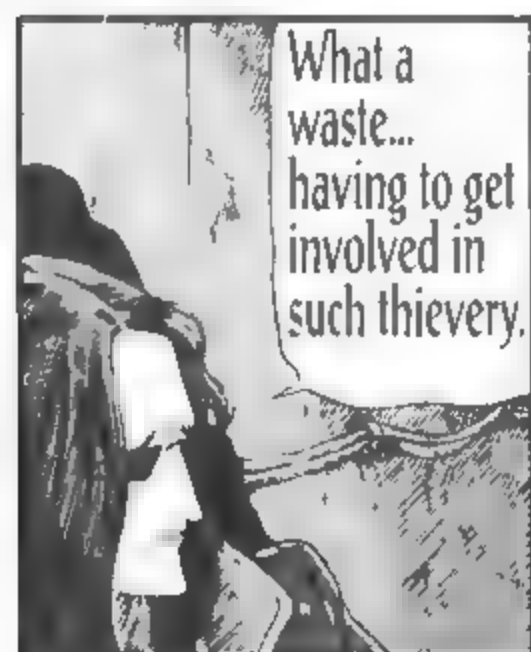
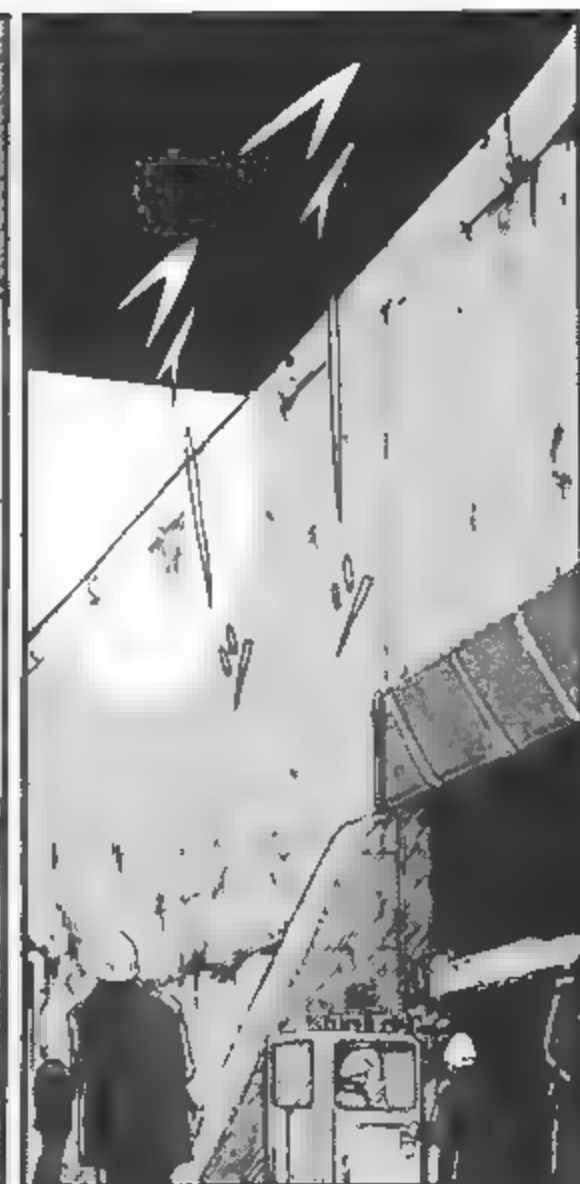
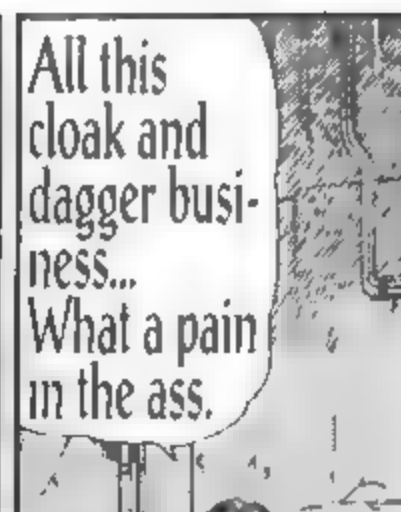
Good morning, Palsuet. Has the Doctor gone?



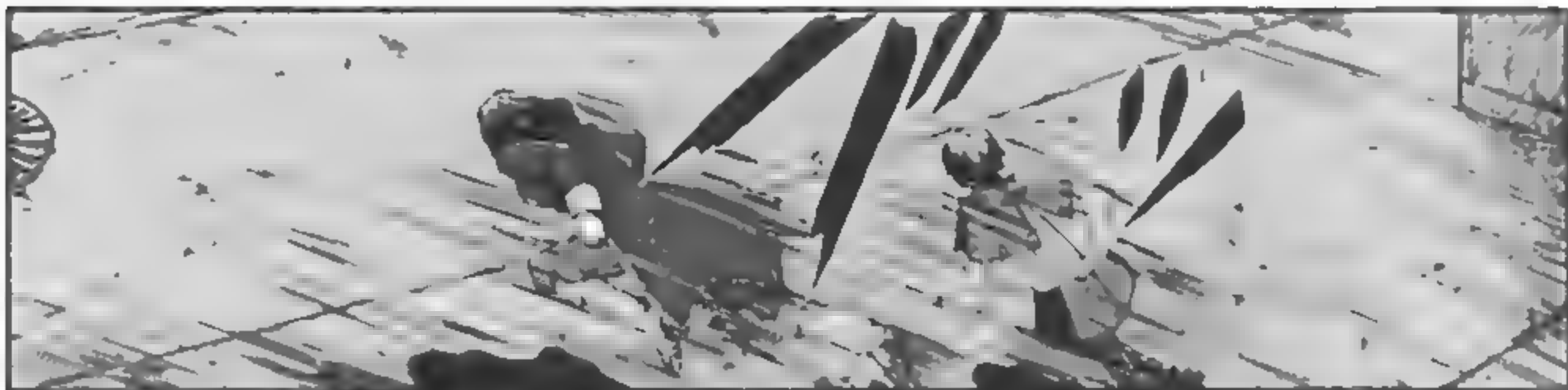
...I wish Master would get my name right for a change.



The only thing is...







The gate!  
They're head-  
ed for the  
gate!



There he is!  
Searchlight!



...and  
everybody  
get back.



Give me  
the S-mine  
detonator...



Sir  
Lester!



Ooooof!

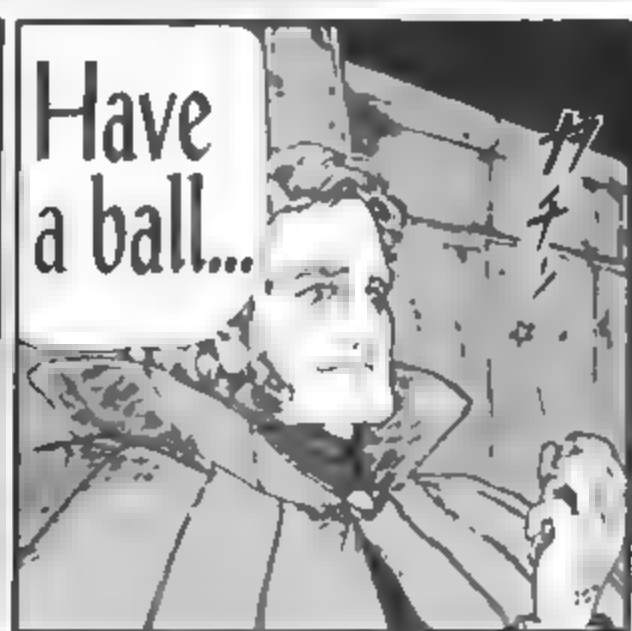
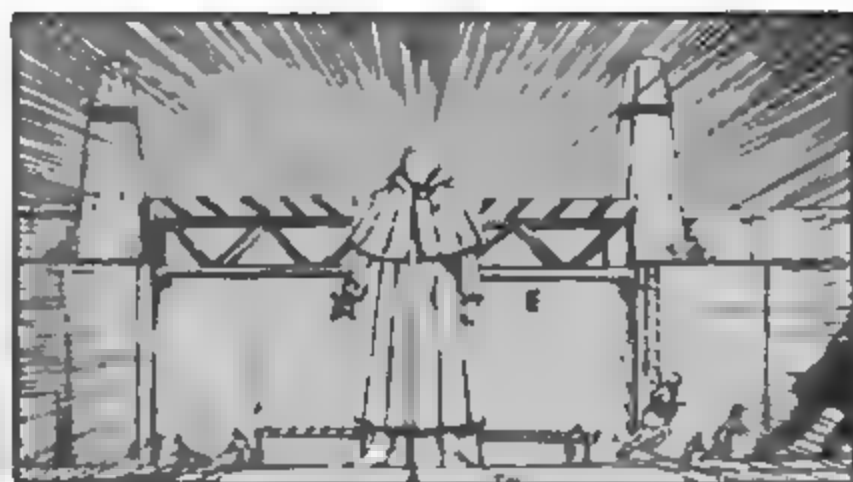
Aaaagh!

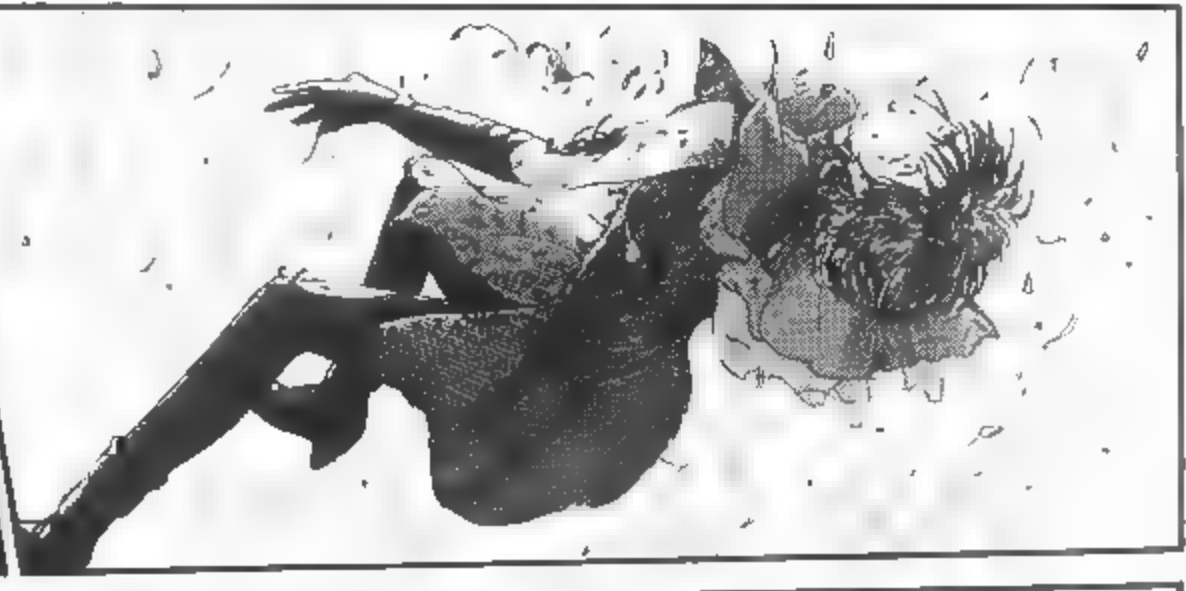
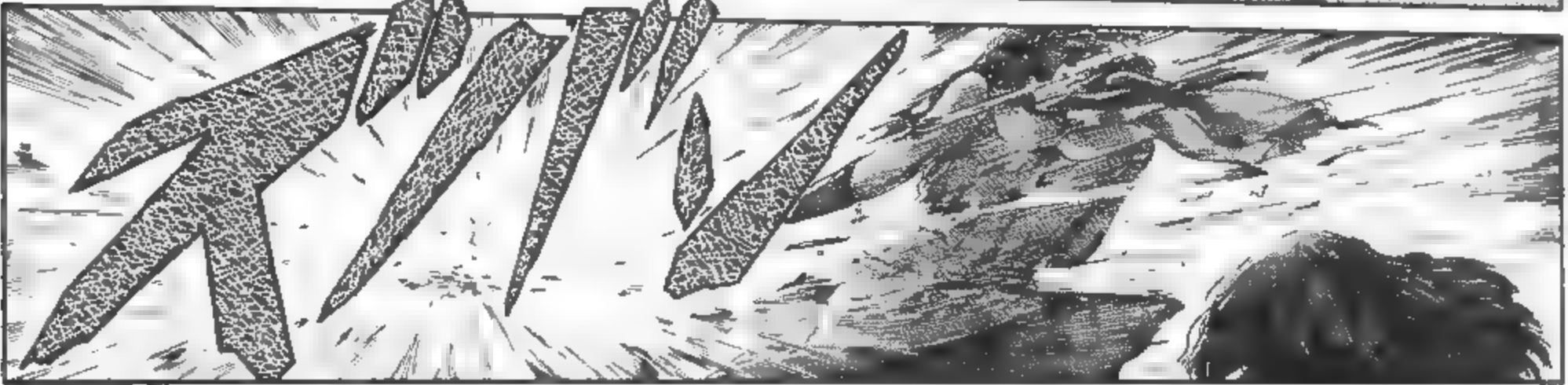


We'll  
jump  
the gate!



Don't  
worry! I  
used the  
flat end.







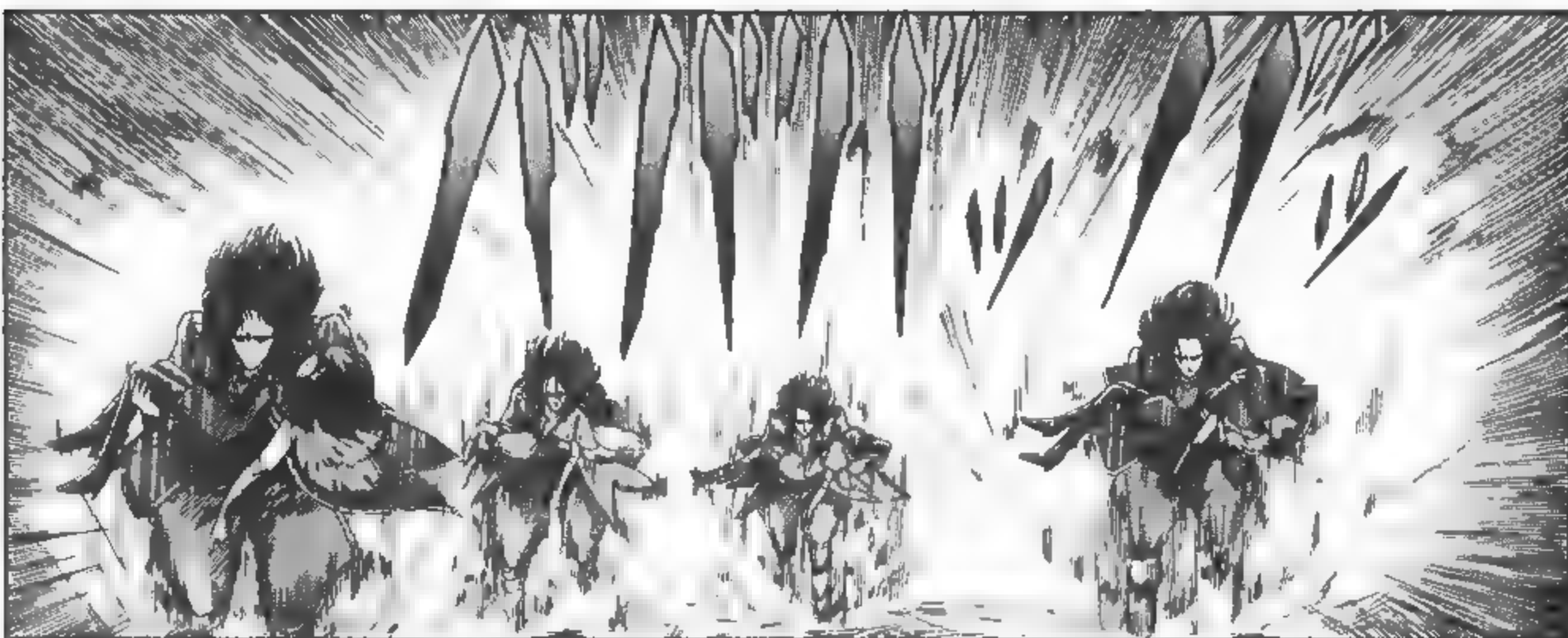
Son  
of a  
bitch!



Oh  
shit!



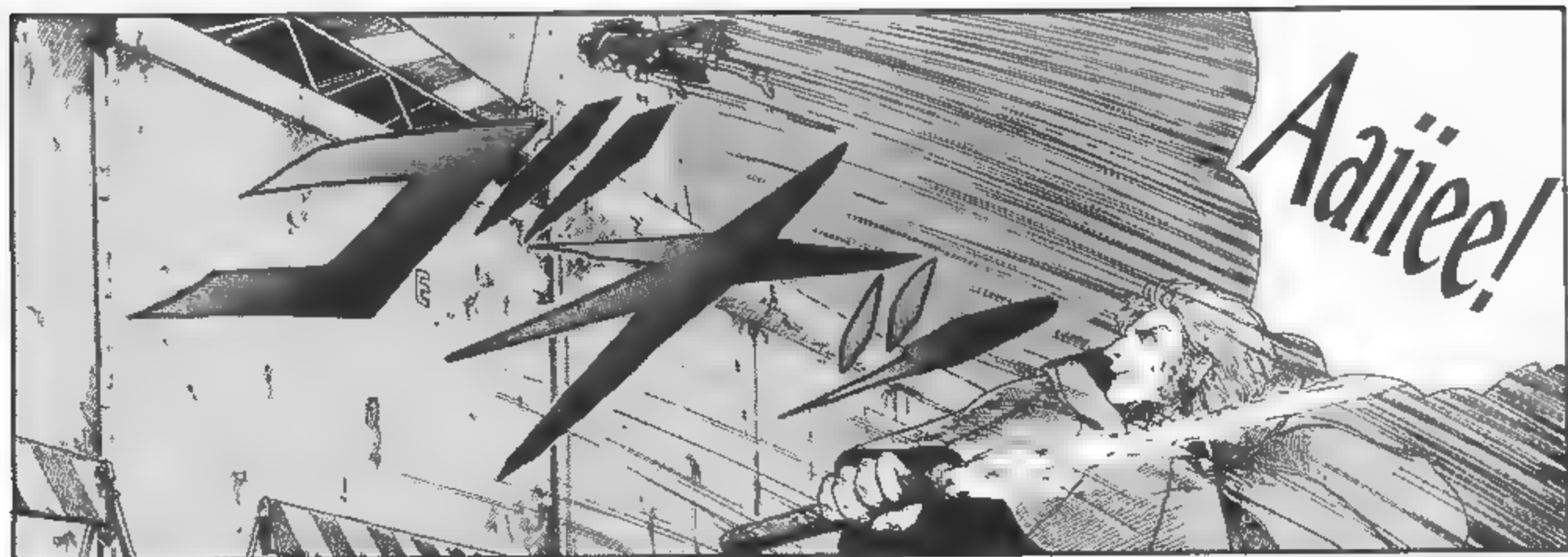
There's no way  
out carrying a  
fatima.



It can't  
be!



Huh! Four  
separate  
illusions!!



Aa!lee!



Its no use...chasing a headdliner in the dead of night.



No!

After them!



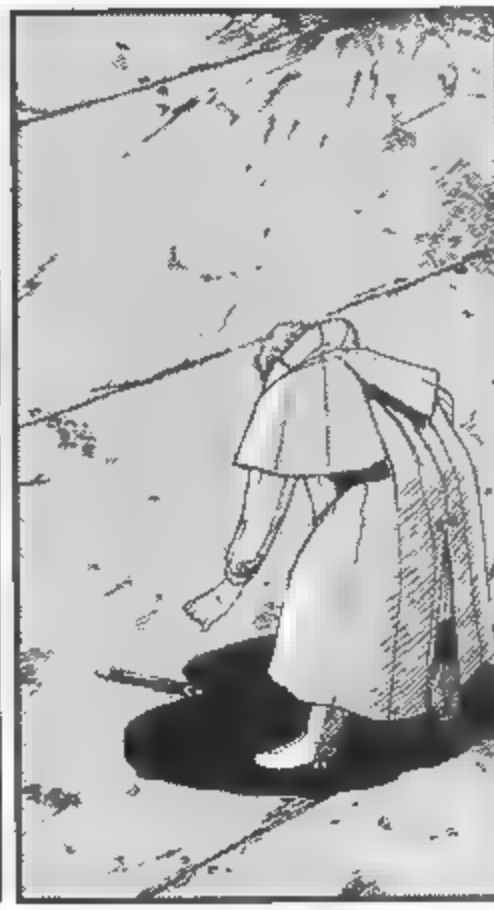
..who could stereotype that carrying a fatima in his arms.



There's only one man...

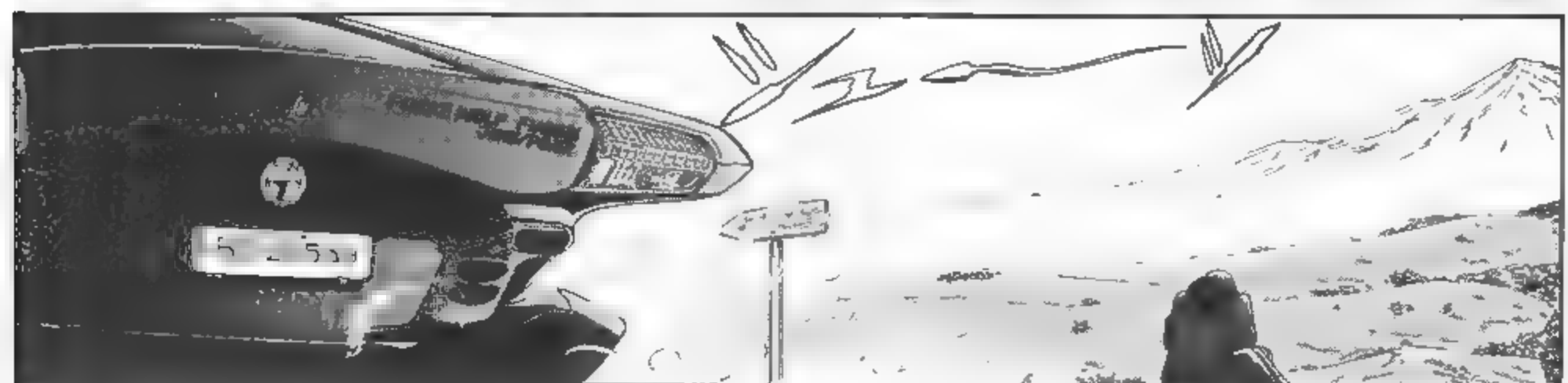
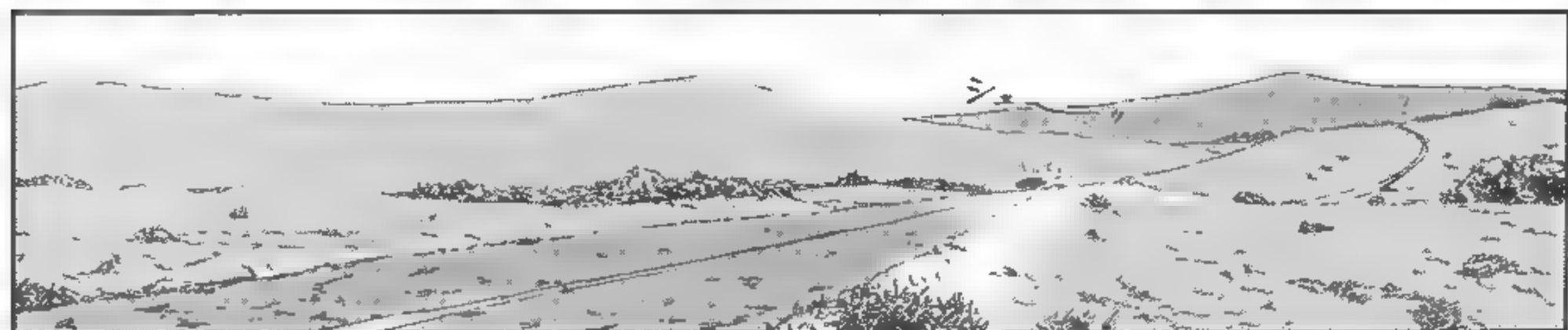
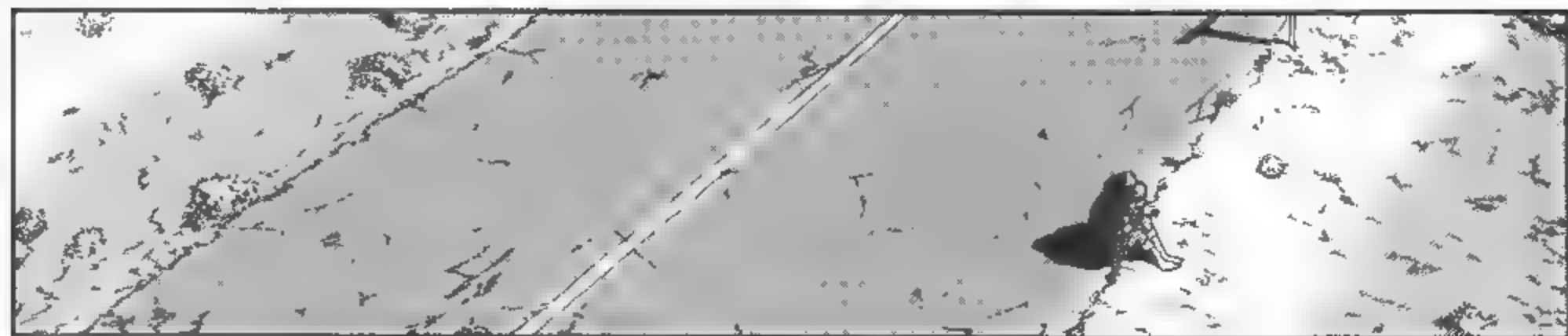


Dimos Hiahraki taught him every sword tactic and ninja move he knew...



Dougulus Kaien.

The Silver Knight...





Get outta here, or I'll kill your lousy...

Get the hell outta here! This ain't no roadside attraction.

Ill-fated little girl...She deserved to live longer.

That must have been how Ulicul died.

How can you live with yourself after what you've done to her.

Auxo... She was like a niece to me.

Dr. Ballanche's girl-friend...

Prisen Corks!

But...ah... she's already....

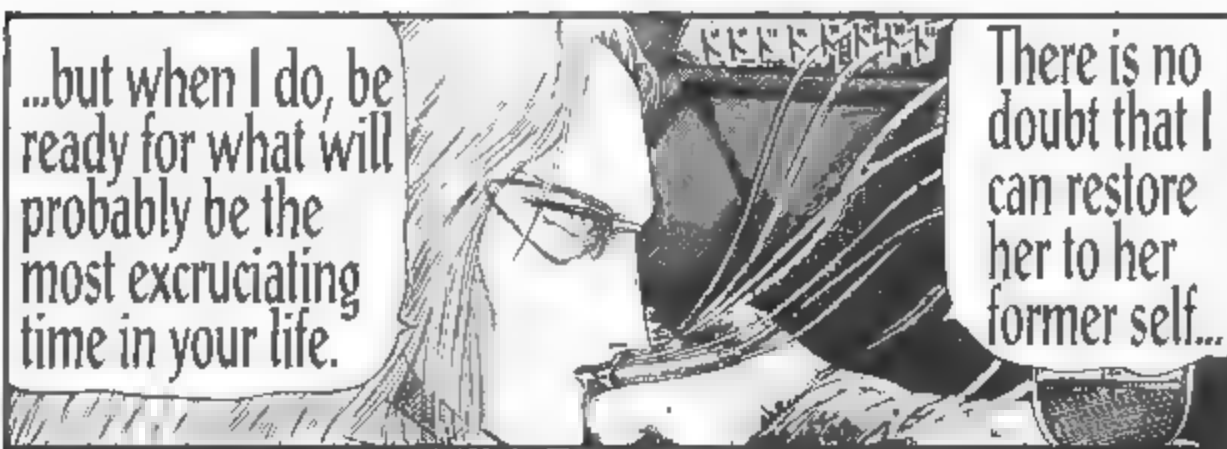
Get her in the car.I've got work to do.

Is that the latest scuttlebutt going around? I was under the impression I was his student and protégé.



...but when I do, be ready for what will probably be the most excruciating time in your life.

There is no doubt that I can restore her to her former self...



What do you mean?

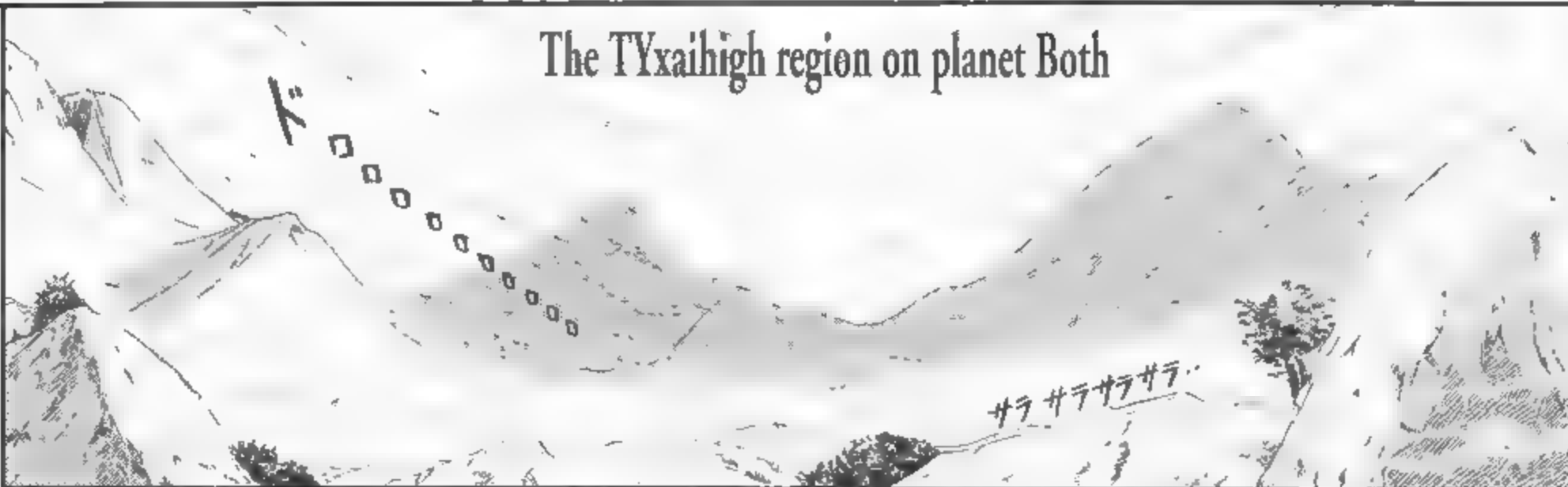


Don't get your hopes up. There are still a lot of problems.



...regretting what your foolishness did to that fatima?

Are you ready to spend the rest of your life...





Damned wind!  
Not even one  
scanner's  
operating.

サラサラ  
ヒキッ ヒキッ  
Vol Vol Vol Vol Vol Vol  
ゴングゴングゴング

The chaff,  
so to  
speak.  
Shit!

I don't think we can  
go any further...We're  
about to be caught in  
a full-blown metoro-  
tekchrome sand  
storm

Do something,  
Palset! You've  
gotten us this far  
on their trail.

ドムドムドムドムドムドム  
ゴングゴングゴングゴング

We're after  
Dougulus  
Kaien, for  
cryin' out  
loud!

All hell's gonna  
break loose if we  
don't get back the  
data he stole  
from us!

What are you tal-  
king about? We've  
come this far. Think  
about how many of  
our personnel were  
wounded by that  
thief and murderer!

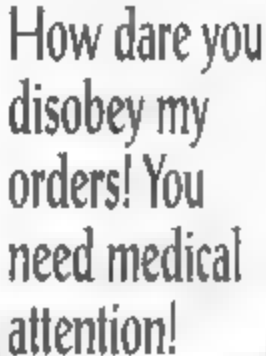
Follow their  
heat source!  
Get a trace  
on the dorrey.

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The MTC sand has  
penetrated the seams  
in his armor and it's  
going to grind every-  
thing to splinters

Please Master  
calm down...  
And listen to  
what Pluto's  
telling us.

Impossible!



ゴオオオオオオオオオオ...

Gaaaaa...  
Yyyyyyyyyy!

ゴオオオオオオオオオオ オオオオオオオオオオ

No-  
thing...



If only  
Auxo  
were  
here...



There's  
supposed be a  
village around  
here...

The travel  
guide didn't  
say anything  
about this,  
damn it!

?



はっ!



It's lonely out  
here running  
for your life  
on yur own.



ゴオオオオオオオオオオ







Listen...I need to get through to the village.



No, but a government MH is after me.

You're a headdliner... government agent, I suppose.

What the...

What's your problem?



How many times have I heard that one?



Dougulus Kaien. Would you like to make me prove it?



Even in a god-forsaken place like this, I presume you may have heard of...

Where's Auxo? Didja have to sell her to keep the Schpeltor running?



Kaien?

Give me a break! You're the feared Black Knight? The Both Monster? Ha ha ha ha...



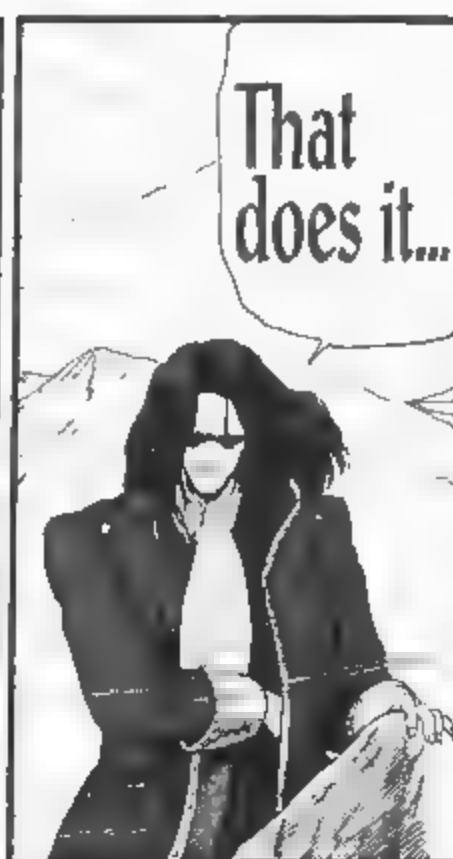
The poor man's  
Silver Knight...  
on the road...  
living hand to  
mouth...

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He even had  
to sell his  
spaad...haah  
haah.



Huh. Wait  
a minute...  
My  
spaad...



That  
does it...



Here...use  
mine...but  
don't lose it,  
okay?



A duel under such  
circumstances may  
be repugnant to  
such a renown  
swordsman, but  
this is how it's done  
here at resistance  
headquarters.

I've heard  
that the Silver  
Knight takes  
on all comers,  
regardless of  
gender.



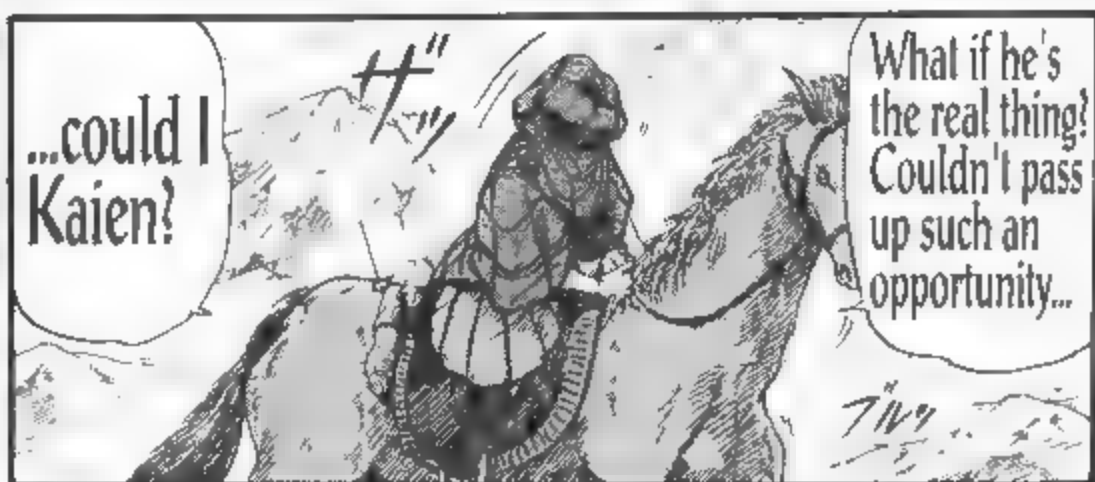
Allow  
me.

Wait...



..but I can  
take care  
of him.

Thank-  
you,  
captain...



...could I  
Kaizen?

What if he's  
the real thing?  
Couldn't pass  
up such an  
opportunity...



A  
wo-  
man?

ゴオオオオオオ

Whatta  
a work  
of art!

God!



Please,  
spare  
nothing.

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Touché.

Making  
fun of  
me?

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That  
stance...

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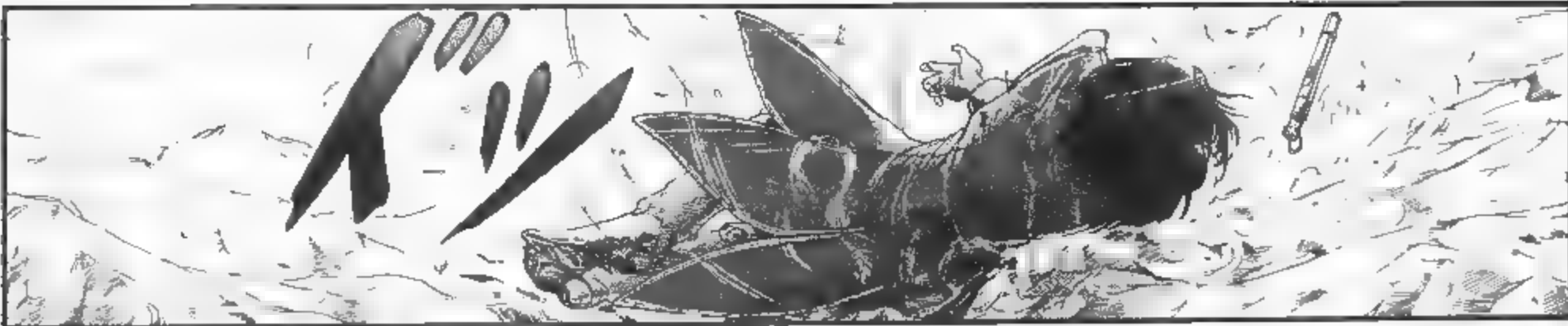


Huh?



Ooof!





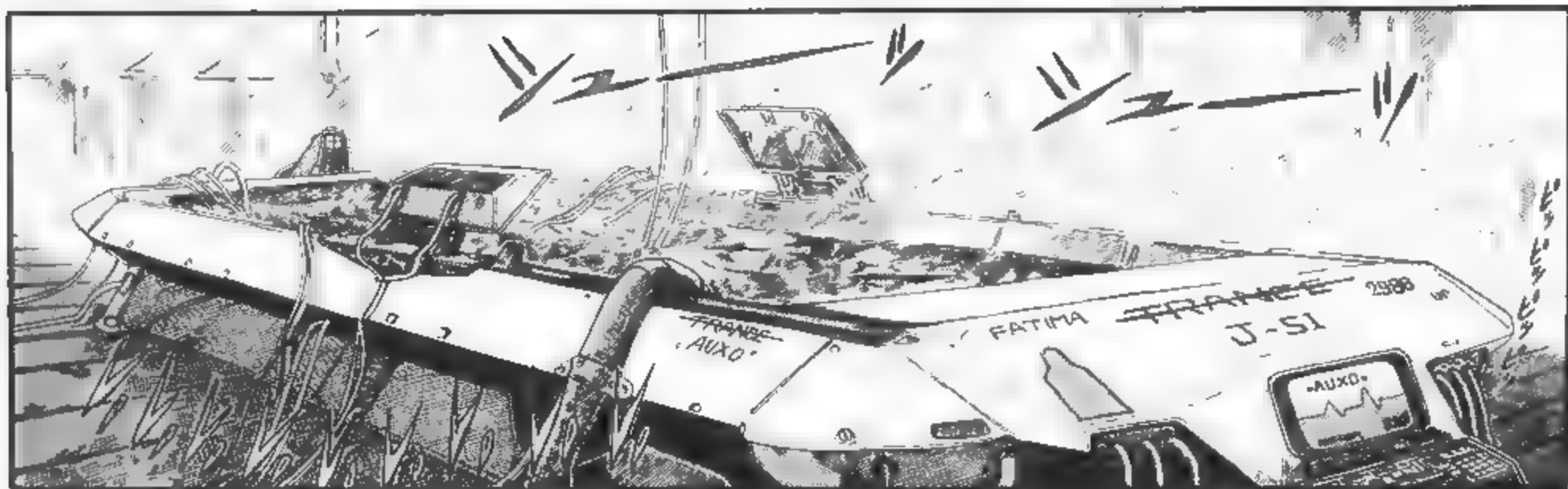
The Silver Knight, as we live and breathe...wah ha ha haaaa....

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Ha ha ha ha...The guy's worse than I thought.



That stance...



...but the doctor is in no physical condition to perform such an operation.

Under normal circumstances we should probably take her back to Ballanche's laboratory....

To tell you the truth, I've never done a total reconstruction under such conditions.

We'll reconstruct the lower body with all new organs. That's the fastest and easiest way to proceed.

I'd give up anything to have her back as she was.

I...aa  
ah...

Doctor  
Corks...

Because there's something you ought to know...

Are you  
sure about  
that?

But look on the bright side of things...with just one exception, Auxo will be as good as new in no time.

...there is possible brain damage, which reconstruction cannot remedy.

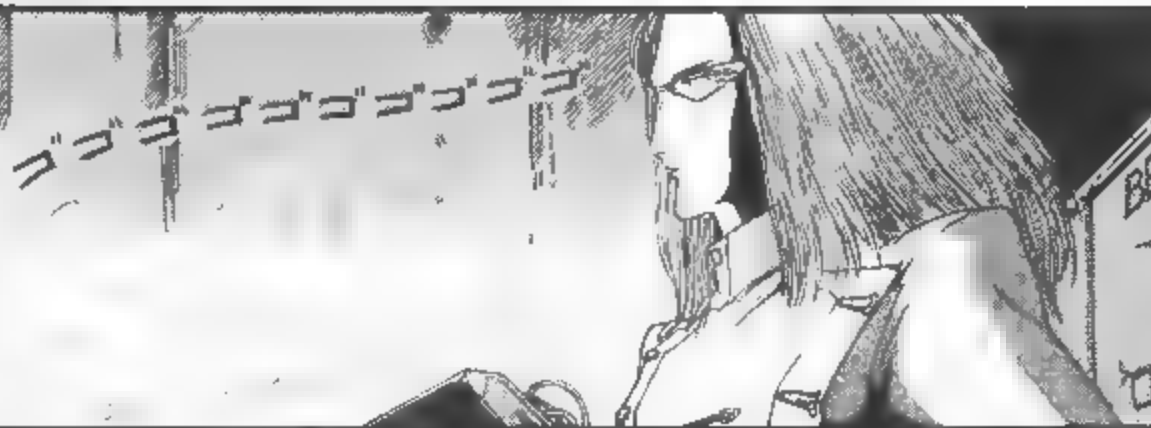
...about what happens to a fatima who has been reconstructed after she has physiologically died.

Yes...  
her  
memory.

Just  
one ex-  
ception?

When a human's life functions stop, the cerebrum is deprived of oxygen...

That goes for fatimas, too, although they have a fundamental brain composition superior to humans.



You see, we can reconstruct brain cells in form only.

...the possibility that she will rejuvenate with her memory intact is, I'm afraid, near negligible.



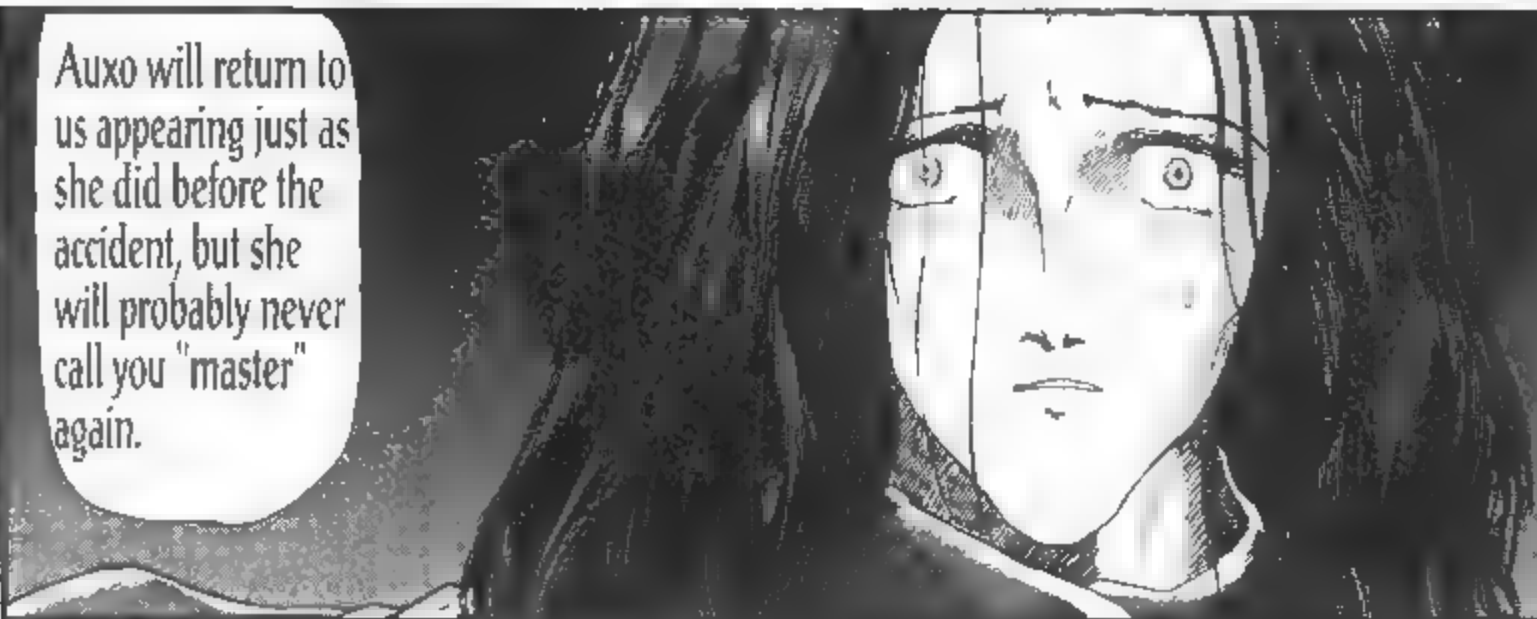
In Auxo's case...

...but any of the memories she accumulated over the years that were lost cannot be recovered.



Fortunately, the basic knowledge possessed by a fatima has been imprinted on her DNA...

Auxo will return to us appearing just as she did before the accident, but she will probably never call you "master" again.



So, Auxo will probably be raised from the dead with absolutely no recollection of her life to date, including the time she spent with you.

If you can bring her back to me... Yes...



Y... Yes...

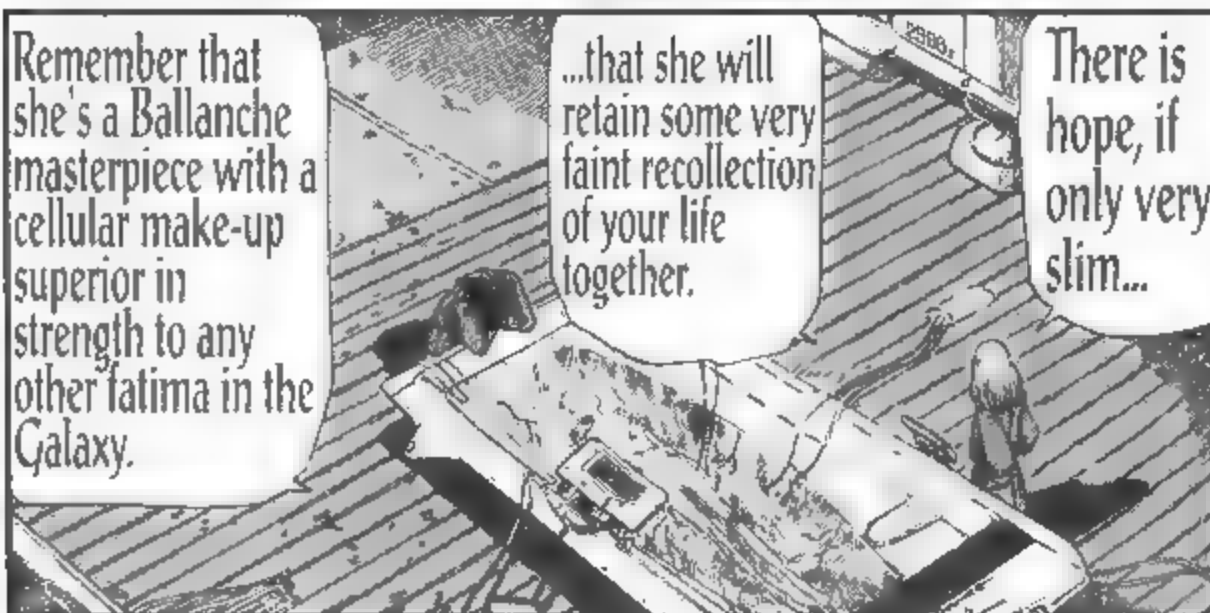
Well... shall we proceed, or not?



No... that can't be...



Remember that she's a Ballanche masterpiece with a cellular make-up superior in strength to any other fatima in the Galaxy.



...that she will retain some very faint recollection of your life together.

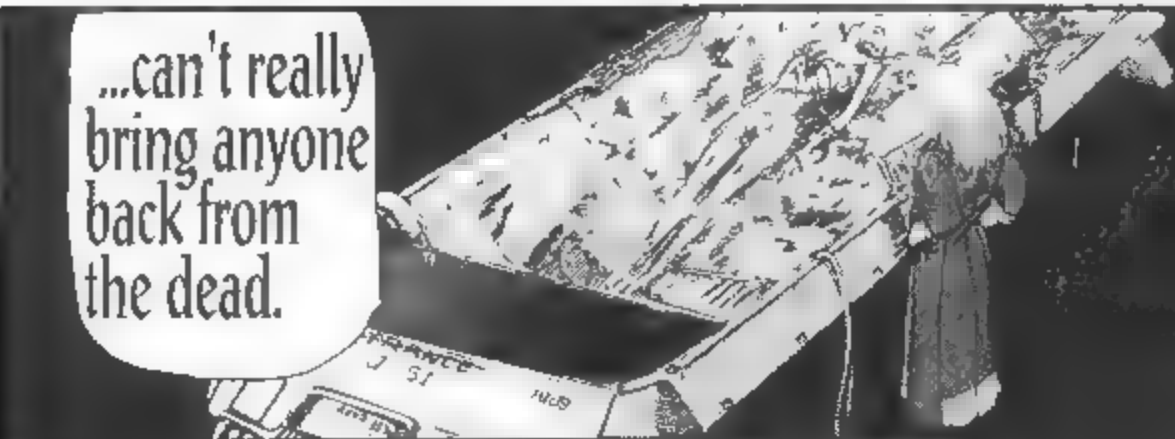
There is hope, if only very slim...





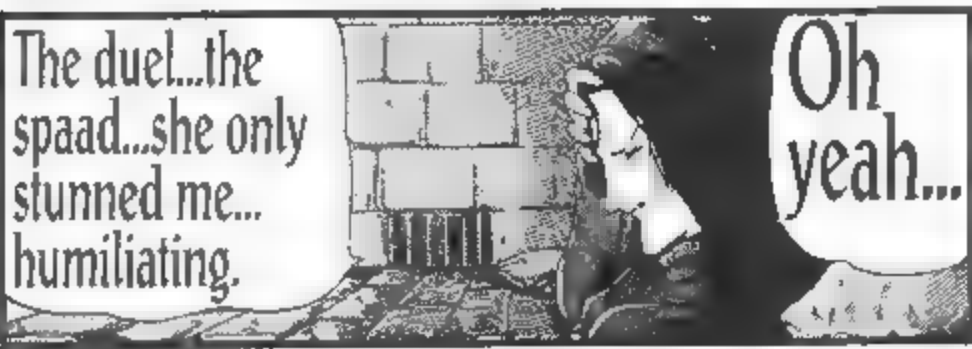


If we go through with it, the restoration process will take about 120 days to complete.



...can't really bring anyone back from the dead.

I don't mean to dash your hopes, but even the medical technology we possess here on Joker...



The duel...the spaad...she only stunned me... humiliating.

Oh yeah...



Where am I?



Uuugh.



...You're a headdliner...just kick a hole in one of those flimsy walls.

But don't be such a fool...



Aaaargh.

I'm gettin outta here ...now!





I've never seen even a headliner be able to move with one of those things attached...



Wow!



A paralyzer worm... god dammit!



I can hardly move...



A normal human would be completely paralyzed... tongue and all.

...hardly even talk.



The Silver Knight, huh? Maybe...



Don't tell me you dropped in to get a load of metorotek-chrome.

What are you doing here? Come to join the resistance movement?

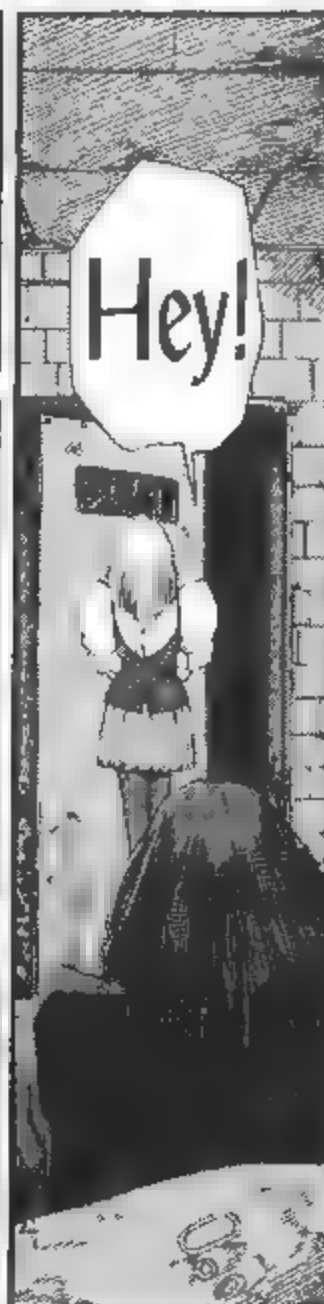
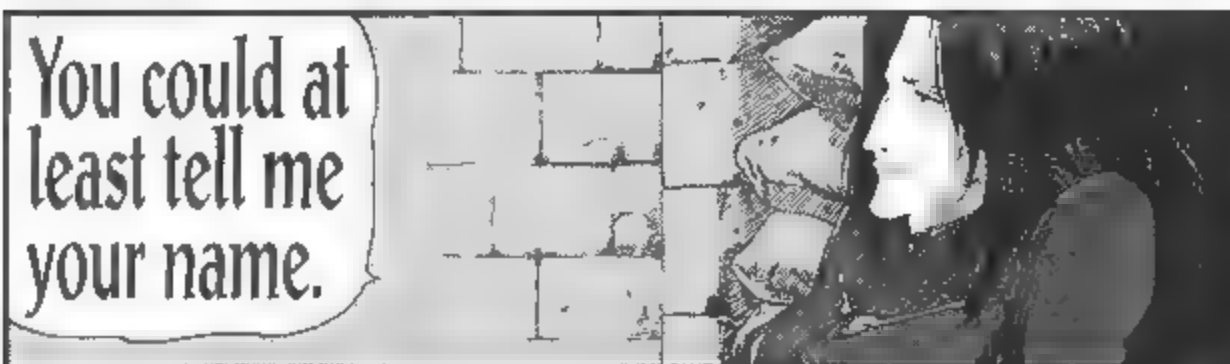
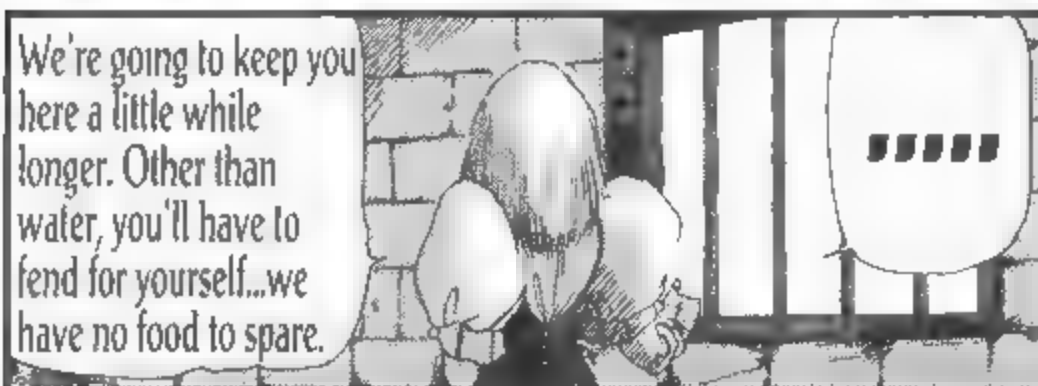


What a waste of beauty...



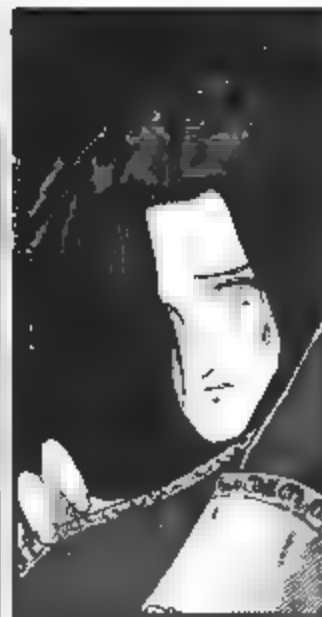
Whatever... Where in the world did you learn to wield a spaad like that?

As a matter of fact, there is this new sword I've been wanting, so I naturally...





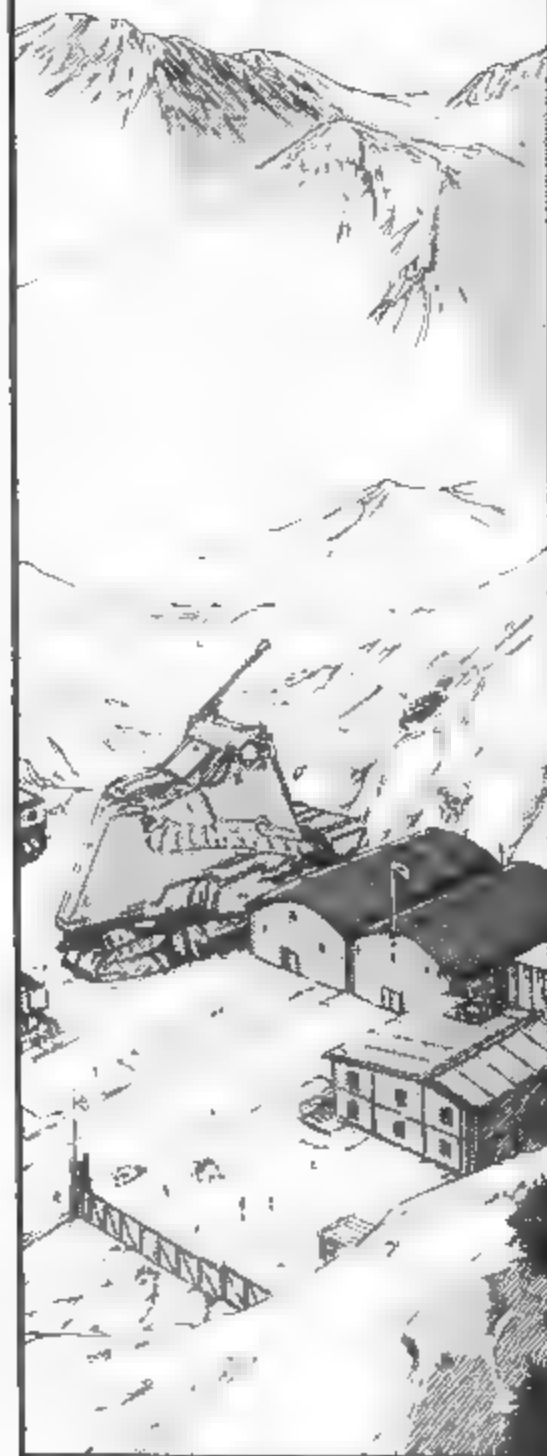
Jeez!  
Tore it  
again...



Not  
much of a  
welcome...



## The TYxaihigh Region of the U-Thu Republic



All mended...  
be careful  
next time,  
okay?



Then you become  
such a slob after  
you assume the  
identity of the  
Silver Knight?



Master, you are so  
well-dressed when  
you pose as Viscount  
Hitter.

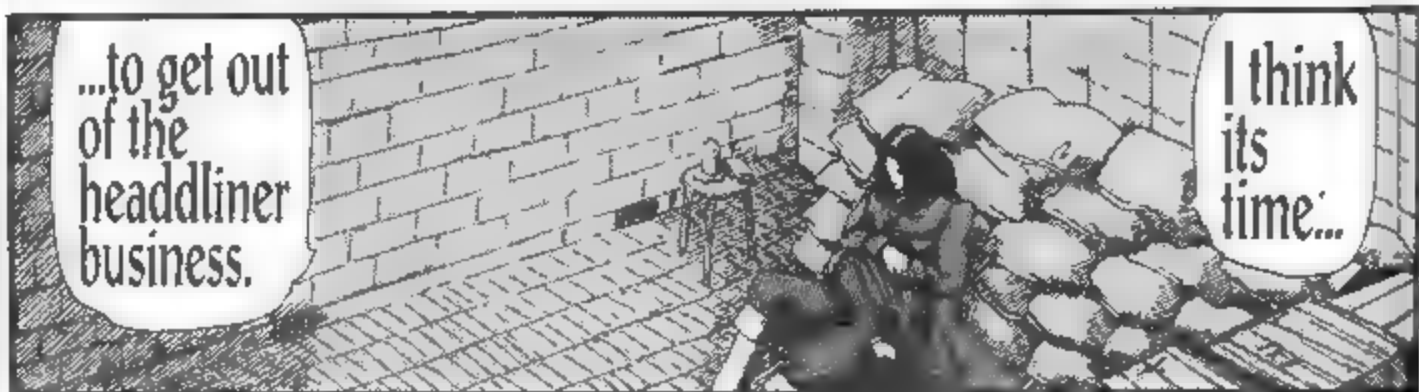


You're not going  
to remember  
either the dash-  
ing Viscount or  
the Silver Tramp.



Auxo...

...to get out  
of the  
headdliner  
business.



I think  
its  
time...

She's beautiful... gorgeous!



Like some exotic being from paradise.

Wow! Get a load of those legs... so thin and smooth.

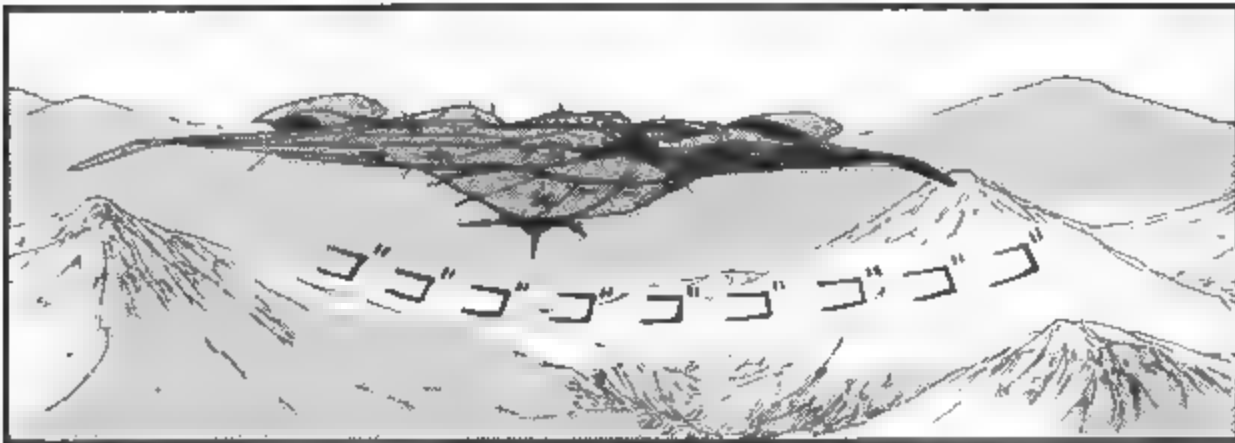


Looky here!



Hey!

It's a fatima... Sir Lester's Palsuet...



No...it's a model-C cruiser with the mark of the International Order of Knights.

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Could be an air dorrey from headquarters...

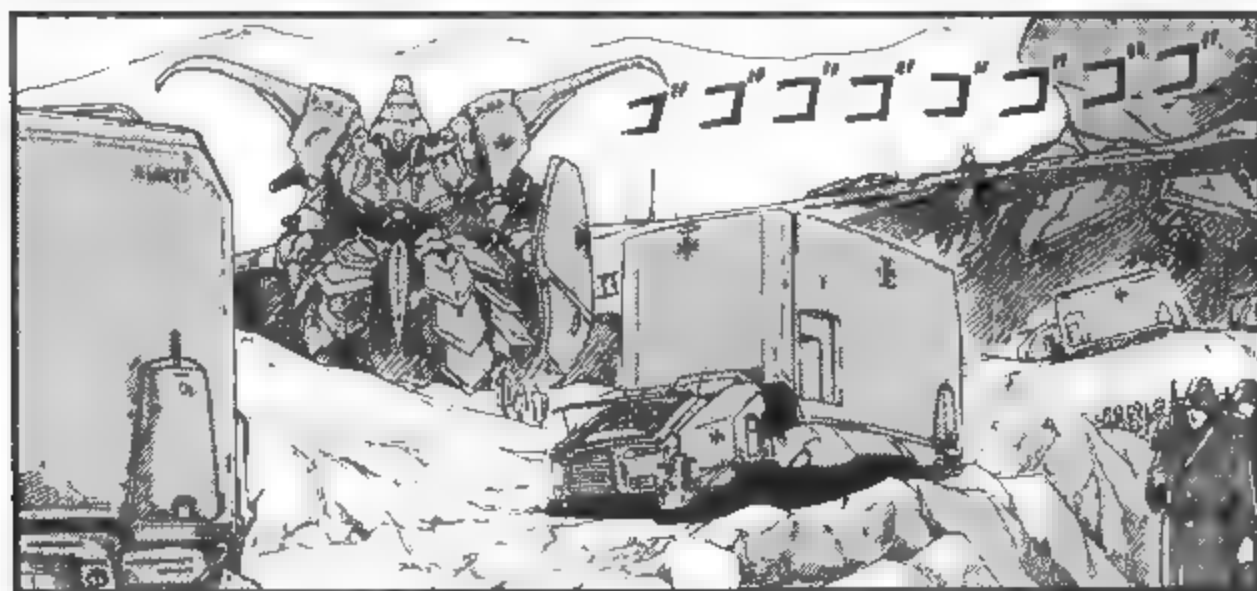
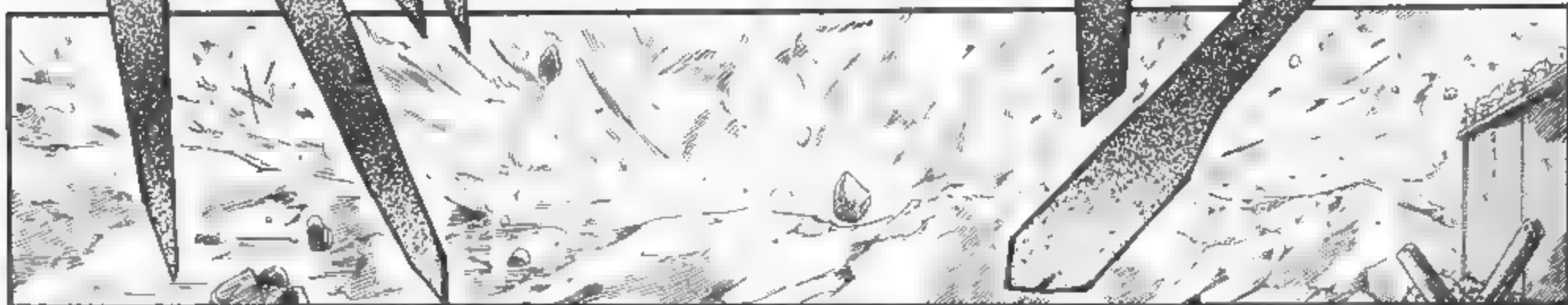
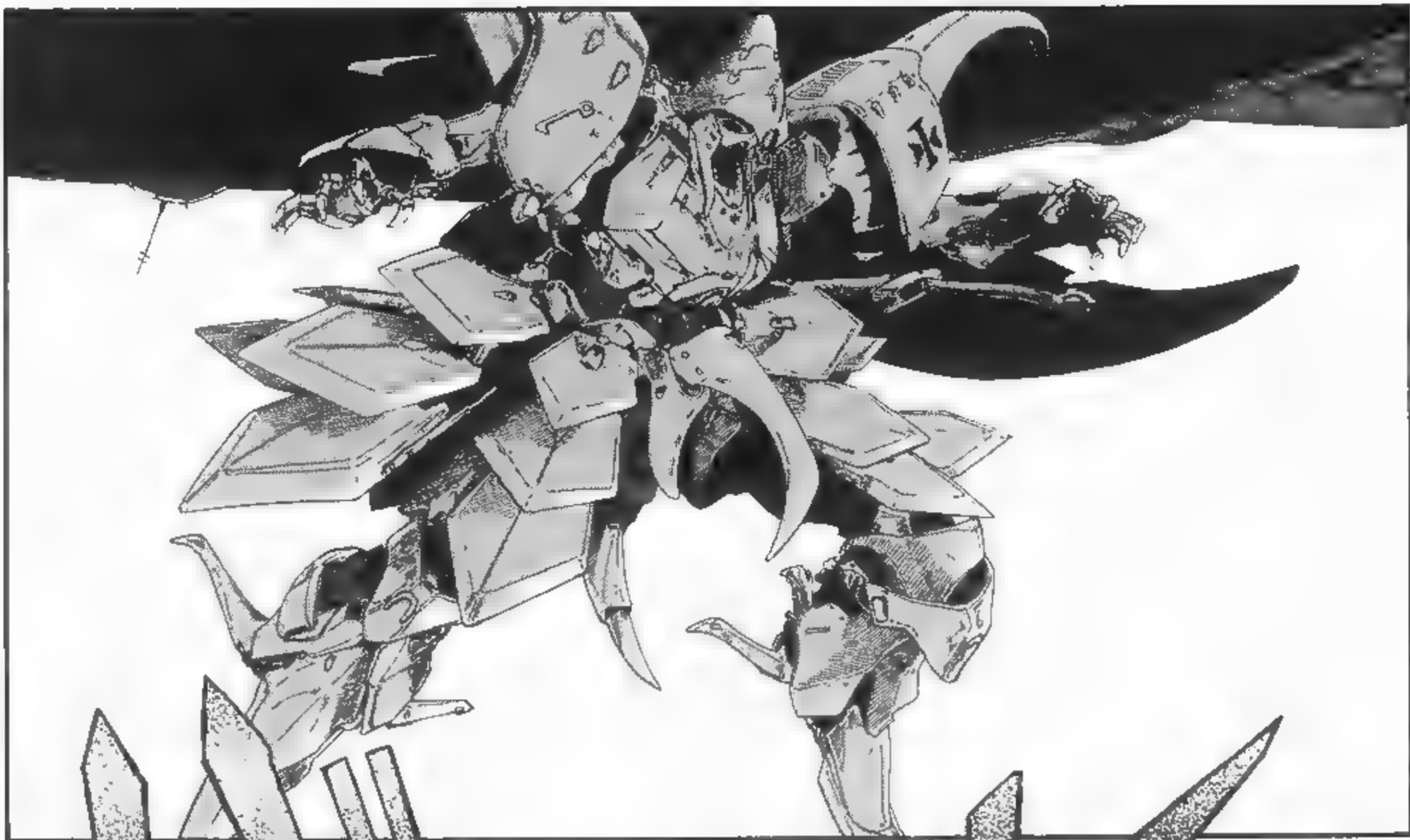


Headd-liners have all the luck.



I'd sure like to have me a girl like that.





An  
IOK  
Zakker?

What  
is it  
this  
time?!



Whatever it  
is, it can't  
be good.

What business  
does the central  
military brass  
have out here?







So now that we have arrived at the crime scene...

We have received an official government order to investigate the burglary you suffered here at Fort Chibum.



It's a little early for the annual Christmas party, isn't it?



Sorry to barge in on you, old chap. Maiyu Sukat representing the Knights of the U-Thu Republican Realm



I think we have inconvenienced you enough in your position as our hired headliner out here.

...Let me thank you, Sir Lester, for all you have done here.



My goodness, Sir Lester. What has this fatima been doing... housework?... By Jove, she's sooty from head to foot.

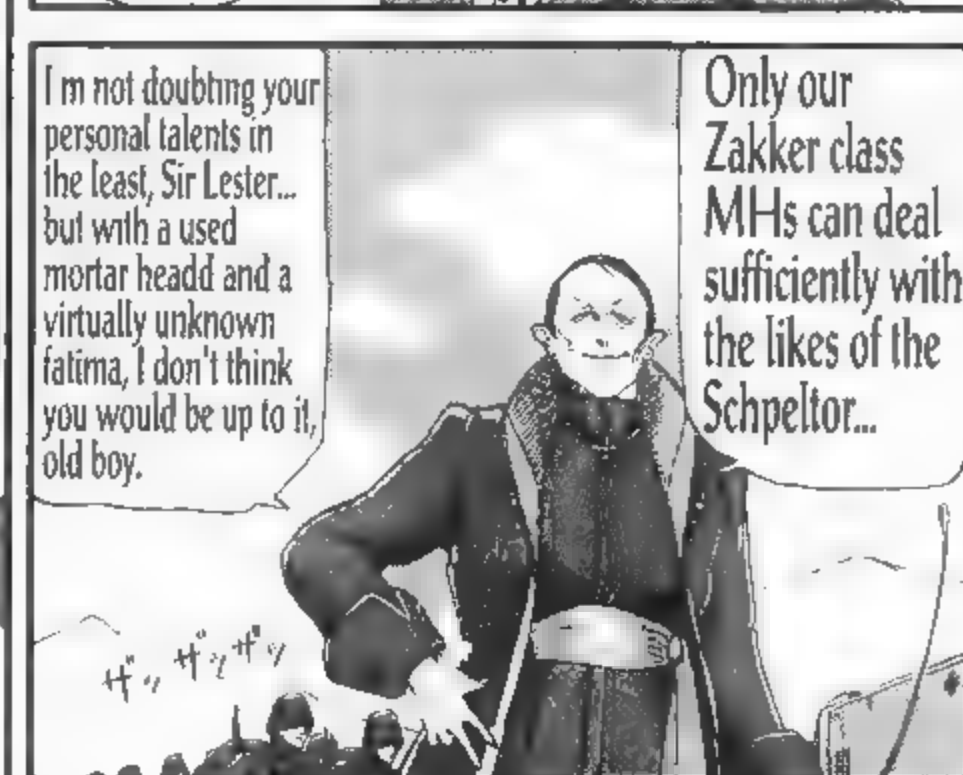


May I introduce my cohort, Linsa, a Count' Moon Cupper design, by the way.



Heard the perpetrator was Dougulus Kaien and thought you'd come and get a piece of the action, huh?

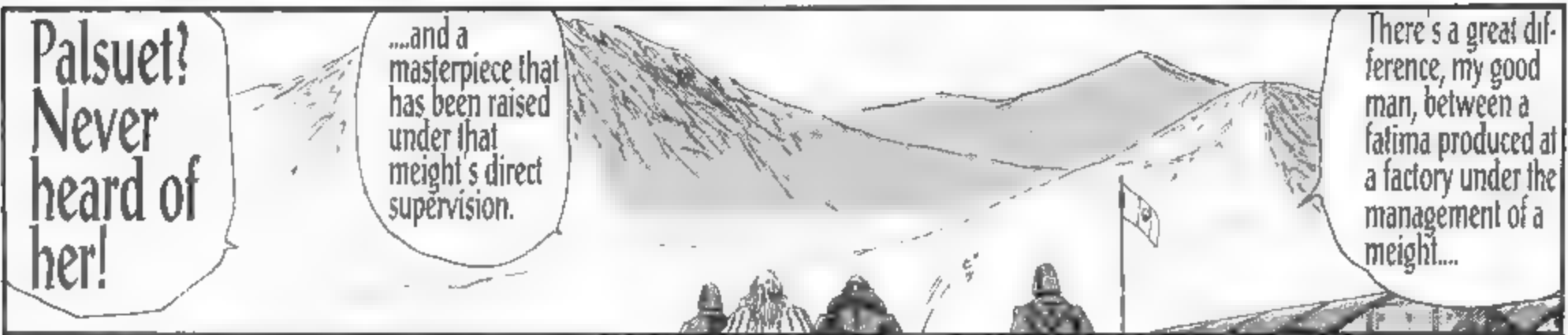
You mean you want me to stand down? You've got guts, I'll say that...



I'm not doubting your personal talents in the least, Sir Lester... but with a used mortar headd and a virtually unknown fatima, I don't think you would be up to it, old boy.

Only our Zakker class MHs can deal sufficiently with the likes of the Schpeltor...





Two mortar headds... one's a Villdou...

The other...oh Jesus! It's a Zakker! Meiyu Sukat's Zakker!



You two report shanks-mare.

We've got to tell A.T. at rpqo Village...no telecommunications!

That'll take about three days.

This is serious shit. We've got to deploy our mortar headds.

...assemble the troops and have them take their defense positions.

I don't think they're after the mine, but...





A.T. told  
me to  
bring it.

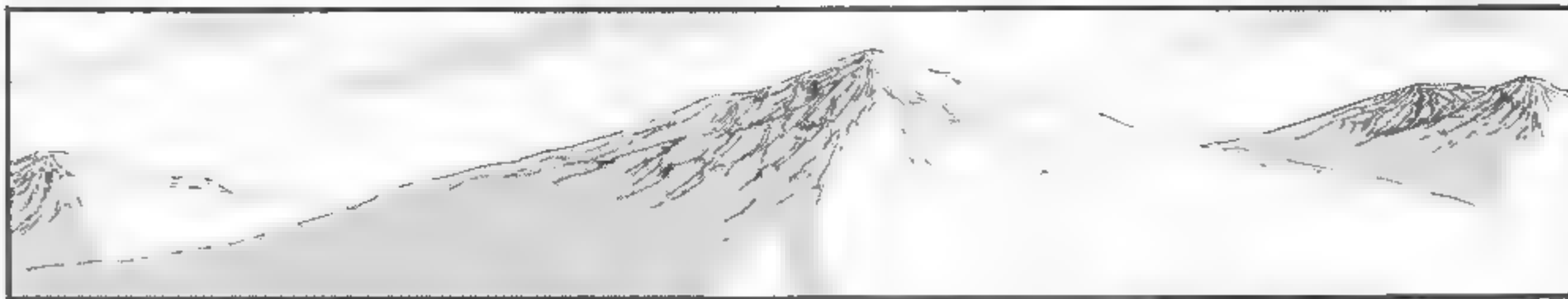
Are you  
hungry?



I wonder  
if they  
take credit  
cards...



I'm  
dying of  
hunger  
here.



Hey.  
That's A.T.'s  
food you got  
there.

Uh-  
huh



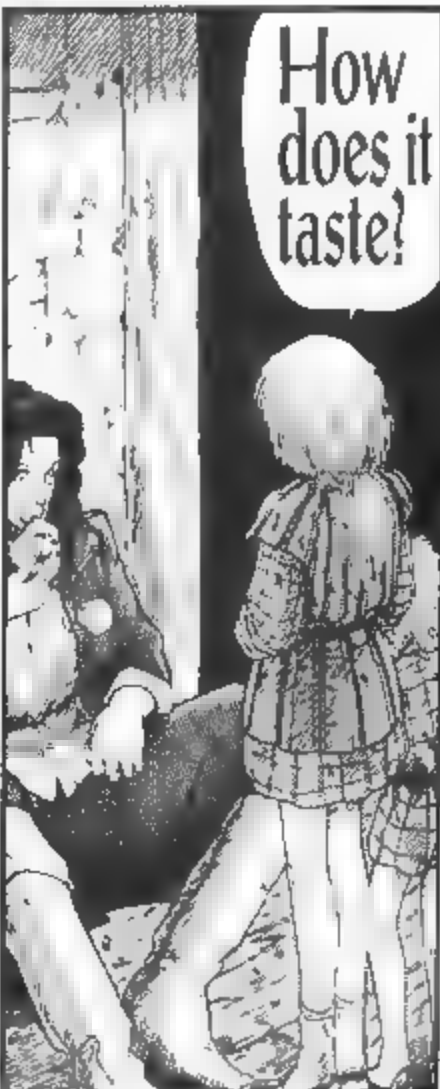
Go get me  
some wa-  
ter...I can't  
move...



Tsk,  
tsk...

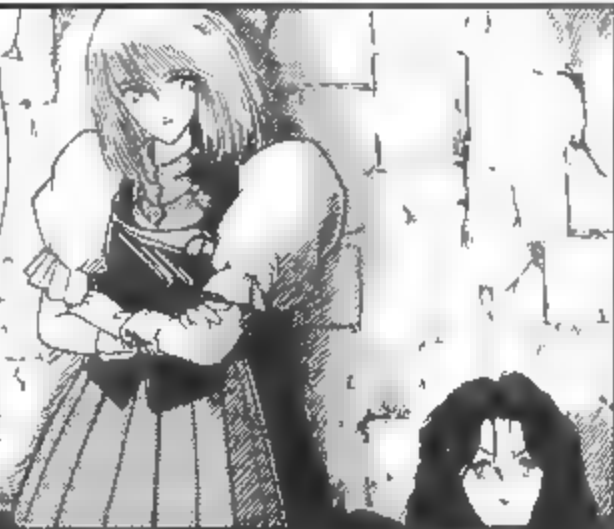


Yuck!  
Is this all  
you people  
have to eat?



How  
does it  
taste?

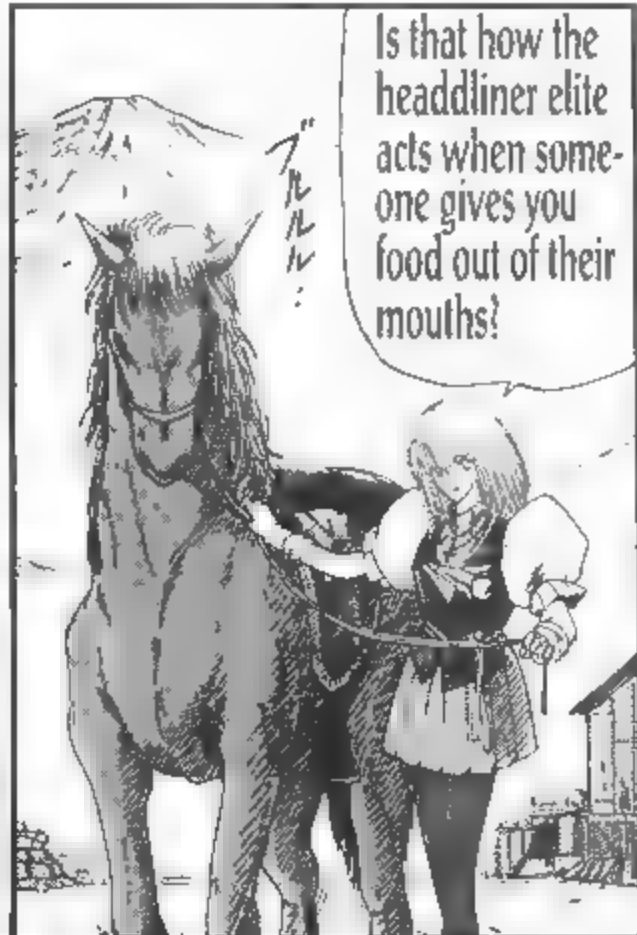
Let's make a deal. Thanks to your antics we're in a real mess.



When are you going to take this thing off?



Is that how the headliner elite acts when someone gives you food out of their mouths?



A Zakker and a Villdou... I think they're looking for you.

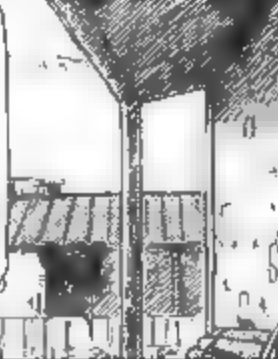


Two government mortar heads are approaching from the military base down below...

Did you hear me? It's not just your problem anymore!



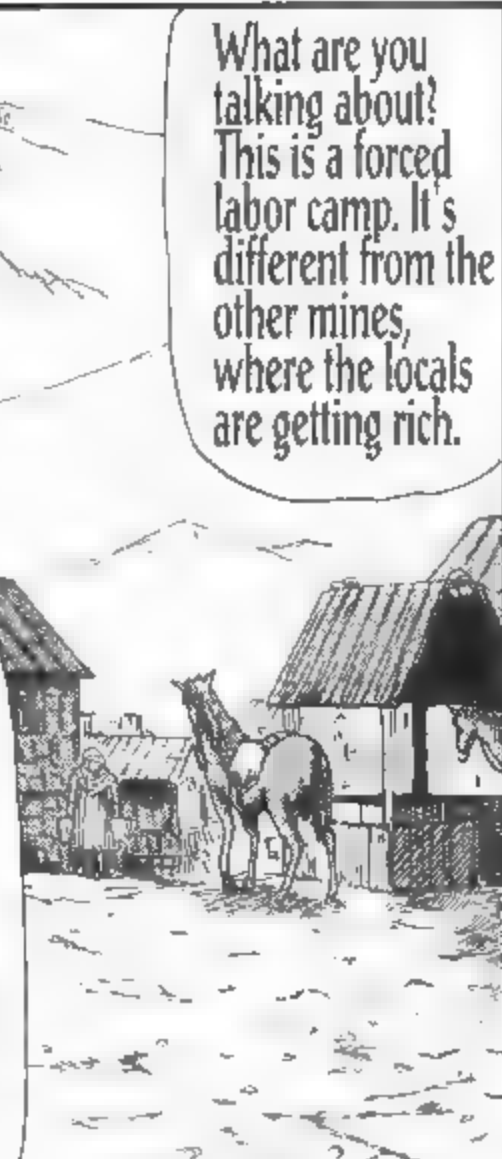
If not, he wouldn't have brought a whole battalion with him.



Guess who the pilot of the Zakker is? Meiyu Sukat... That butcher probably intends to wipe us out along with you.

What are you talking about? This is a forced labor camp. It's different from the other mines, where the locals are getting rich.

We should be an independent and autonomous district, but all the villagers here are castoffs from mines on other planets.



You people got it made here mining metoro-tekchrome... It's a lucrative resource...



Damned sand! Even sealing your boots can keep it out.





...But I don't want to die in this god-forsaken place any more than you do. What about your mortar headd's?

Desperation bores me. I'm not going to pretend I sympathize with you people... That's not the way I am.

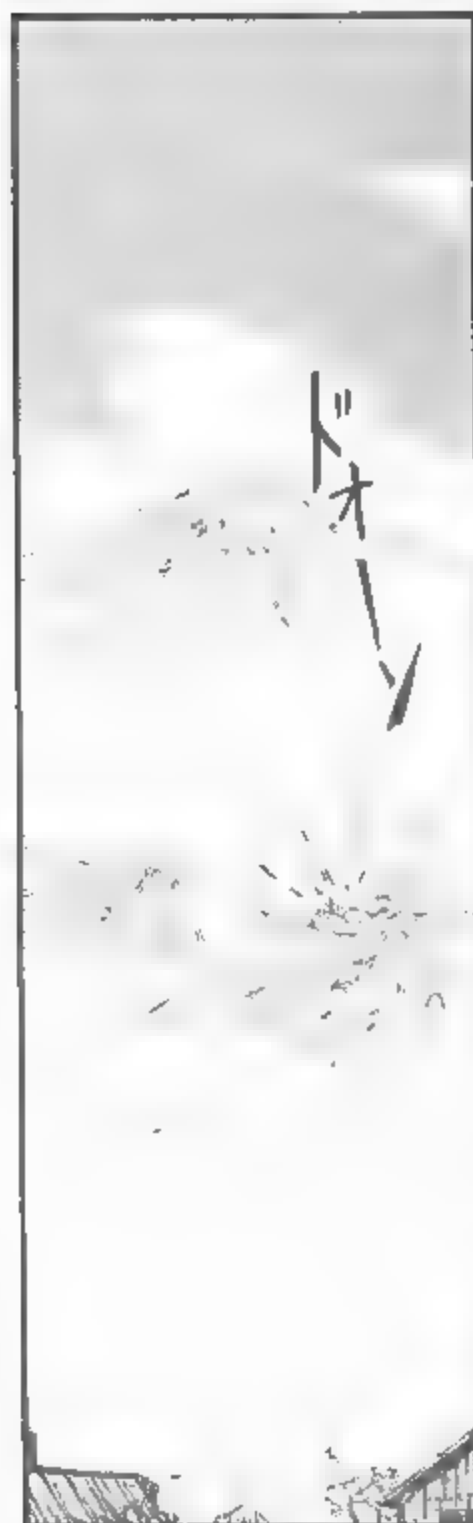


If you help us...I...I'll...

My MH is down right now, and we can't get the others ready in time.



We want you to use the Schpeltor against them. It's our only hope.



She's being 'overhauled' so to speak...

Dr. Corks says she can be revived, but she won't be the same as before.

Memory's shot...



Who in the hell do think your bargaining with here, kid?



Save it for your husband... I only deal in cash... 10,000 feathers a day, to be exact.



Hmmm...



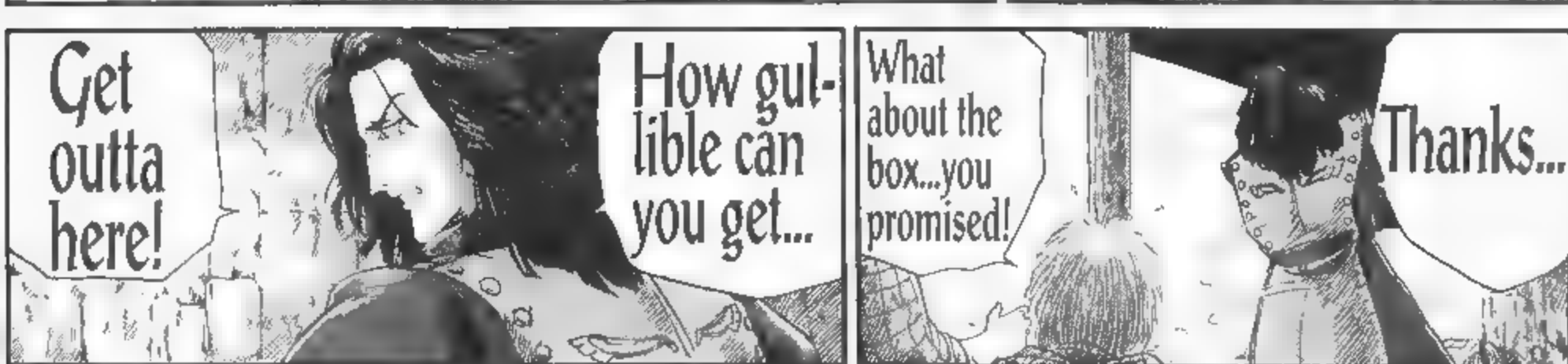
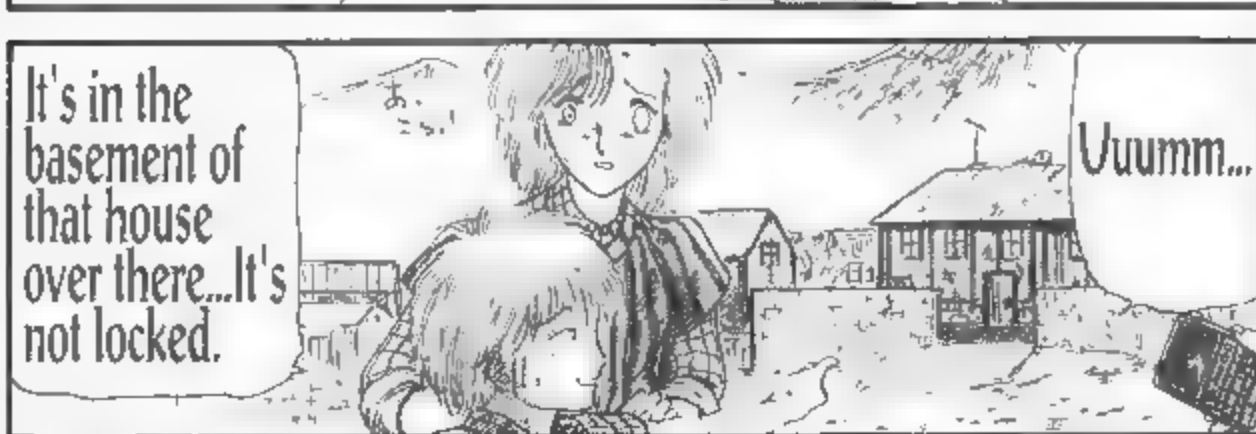
Even if I could help...

...I don't have my partner with me.



I...I'm sorry...





Aaargh... Feel like there's an MH on my back.

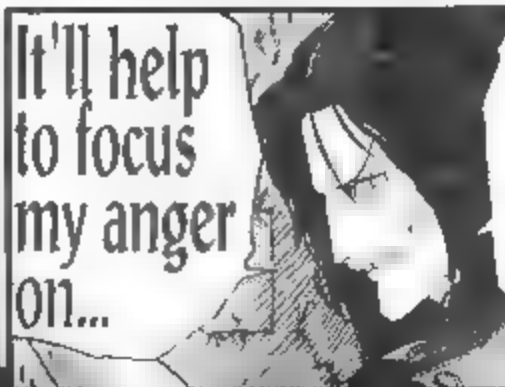


Talking about getting the hell outta here...

the people who got me into this mess in the first place.



It'll help to focus my anger on...



If they think Douglas Kaien is going to be done in by a woman, they got another thing coming. Gotta make myself scarce and be quick about it.



Come to think of it... that's what it feels like around here... dammit.



Mell Rince, the Galaxy's most powerful sorcerer...the embodiment of evil, lord and master of murder and assassination...And of course, the high commander of the Mirage Knights and the AKB...the devil incarnate, Emperor Amaterasu.



To be continued....

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LC 4044 Do not know the way back to  
home

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TC 306 A few weeks ago, I was told by  
George C. C. A. I. S. (somebody) that the  
the other side of the world is not as  
far away as it used to be.

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1. *Staphylococcus aureus* (S. aureus) is a Gram-positive, spherical bacterium that is commonly found on the skin and in the nose of humans and animals. It is a facultative anaerobe, meaning it can grow with or without oxygen. S. aureus is known for its ability to form a protective biofilm and its resistance to many antibiotics.

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## [The Era of the The Will Galaxy]\*

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K-6599

IC 6787    n e m p n e l r y u r    d o c s s e c t i o n  
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IC 6000 Another species in the *Adiantum* genus is known as Maadai (Dryad). It is

JC 6850     Amlerese and Lucchesi can be left as  
 they are. I am not sure if they are  
 the same or not. I am not sure if they are  
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**IC 7199** Locusts - up to 1000 per acre  
by the K. L. H. A.

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IC 7451 1-1305 NW 1/4 Sec 10 T 10 N R 10 E S 10 NE  
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LC 7563 Thesis transfers from a paper to a book  
category to LC 2045 She checks the new  
number 5425. A number 5410 paper  
memory of their encounter she sees the  
category

IC 7777 — *Agathidium* sp. new record from the conifer forest of eastern and southern Japan. They eat a chamberlain, Karen, and the other species, as it is a new phylum, its evolution.



## Chronology

(Last Millennia of the AD Era)

- AD 4000 Japan's covered  
satellite directed colonizer  
 An absence of imperial clashes rounds the  
summit typical has yet known
- AD 5000 Remains of Razmy Empress  
 The satellite established the Empire of the  
science  
 The rise of imperial warriors and power of  
years  
evolution of the most destructive war known in  
the history of the world
- AD 6000 The first observed expansion of  
continuous regional warfare is the rise of the  
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## {The Joker Millennia}\*

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- IC 2987 One of the Galaxy's most influential scientists, Dr. Patricia decides to enter a into debate with not a being, but Antropos, one of his three allies of destiny, and allows her to escape.
- IC 2988 The Galactic Council has two primary leaders and a third, one of the Ants. He also acquires a vessel which will be taken to the city of New York, Kansas II.
- IC 2989 The Galactic Council has two primary leaders, the Ants, and the Council of the Galactic Dynasty. The Galactic Dynasty is a powerful, aggressive, and powerful. The Galactic Dynasty is a powerful, aggressive, and powerful. The Galactic Dynasty is a powerful, aggressive, and powerful.
- IC 2992 Antropos is a 50-year-old scientist who is a member of the Galactic Council.
- IC 2994 Magellanicum, a large, dark, and powerful, is a member of the Galactic Council.
- IC 3007 The Galactic Council and Antropos's Knight, a powerful, aggressive, and powerful, is a member of the Galactic Council.
- IC 3009 Completion of the heavy Ants and Magellanicum, a powerful, aggressive, and powerful, is a member of the Galactic Council.
- IC 3010 The Galactic Council, a powerful, aggressive, and powerful, is a member of the Galactic Council.
- IC 3079 Princess Magellanicum, a powerful, aggressive, and powerful, is a member of the Galactic Council.
- IC 3159 Antropos's daughter, a powerful, aggressive, and powerful, is a member of the Galactic Council.
- IC 3162 Antropos's daughter, a powerful, aggressive, and powerful, is a member of the Galactic Council.
- IC 3180 Antropos's daughter, a powerful, aggressive, and powerful, is a member of the Galactic Council.
- IC 3185 Antropos's daughter, a powerful, aggressive, and powerful, is a member of the Galactic Council.
- IC 3199 Antropos's daughter, a powerful, aggressive, and powerful, is a member of the Galactic Council.
- IC 3225 The Galactic Council, a powerful, aggressive, and powerful, is a member of the Galactic Council.



**ばっ**  
Baht (Boo)

A cry of surprise



**ふあー**  
Fuhaaah (Yawn)



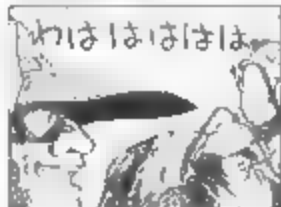
**へ**  
Heh

Expresses an air of confidence or arrogance when they are in an advantage over someone



**えへへへ、エへへ**  
Eheh-heh-heh-heh

The language of children  
Tells of their shyness or embarrassment



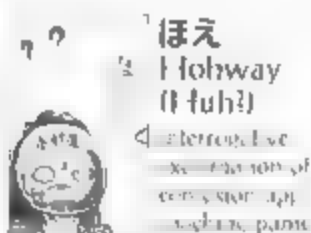
**わはははは**  
Waht-ha ha ha

Boisterous hearty laughter



**ワイワイワイ**  
Wai-Wai Wai

The hubbub of an audience during intermission



**どへー**  
Dohbaay (Whatta my gonna do now?)

Expresses what an underdog does



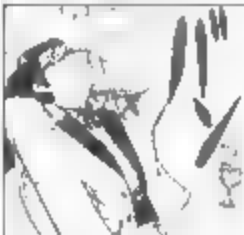
**ぶくぶく**  
Buhkuh-buhkuh (Gurgle gurgle)

Can denote bubbling or frothing



**チーン**  
Chuhn

Blowing one's nose so as not to be noticed



**バン**  
Bahn (Whap, bang)

Telling of a bang or one's own



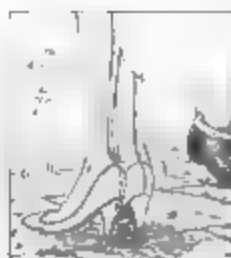
**きっ**  
Kihl

Staring someone down intensely face to face



**ひっひっ**  
Hihtsu-hihtsu (Hee-hee-hee)

Expresses a look of conspiracy or a sly grin



**びた**  
Pihlah

Comes to an abrupt stop or skid



**シイッ**  
Sheeht (Shush ssshh)

Telling someone to shut up



**がぶっ**  
Gahput (Chomp)

Taking a bite out of something



**びしびしびし**  
Pihshih-pihshih (Tap-tap, smackity smack)

Tapping something with one or two fingers sharply part A hand open handed double slap



**あ**  
Ah (Eep, yeow)

Used to express shock or unconscious



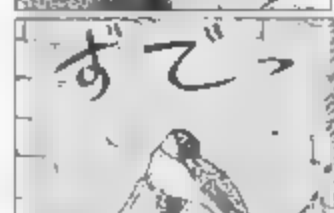
**プイ**  
Puheeh (I Imph)

Turning away from someone when they are pushing, disgusted etc



**ぐぎ**  
Guhgih (Oofph)

Melting or softening



**ズッ、ずでっ**  
Zuht, Zuhdeht

A sudden sound of slipping and sliding



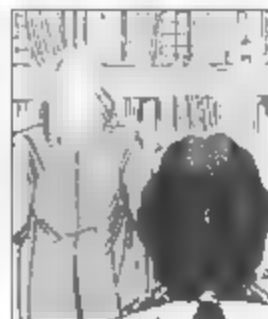
**どんがらがっしょん**  
Dohngahrahkahshahn (Crash, boom, bang)

Used to denote a heavy step



**タッタタッタ**  
Taht-taht-taht

Someone approaching at a run



**あれ**  
Abreh (I luh?, What the )

Interrogative exclamation used to look at something



**あぐ**  
Ahgou (Ooooo)

A sound way to express a disapproval



**ガタ、ガタッ**  
Gahlah (Dunt, Tungk)

Sound of the legs of a chair hitting the floor after a person scared rises



**ポンポン**  
Pohn-pohn (Clap-clap)

Expresses a clapping of hands or a lighty walk



**びっ**  
Piht (Zip)

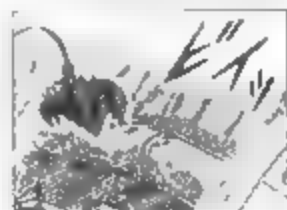
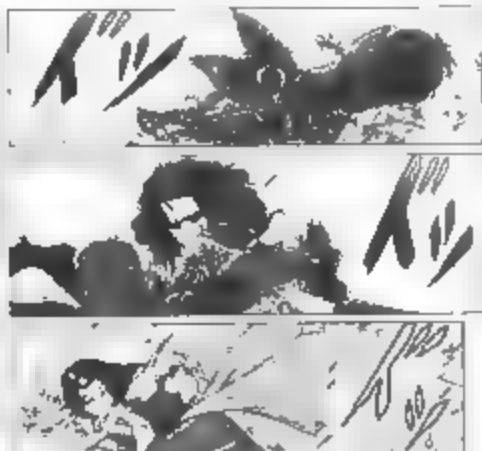
Very quick at a snail

# Special Effects

The Five Star Stories anime has a special effects system that uses a wide variety of sound effects and words that express appearances and actions. Some of it is found in any anime, some is created by the anime industry, and some is the anime's own. It is valuable.



**ドッ、ドウッ、ドオッ**  
Ghot, Dhohi  
Sound of a body being hit



**ビッ**  
Gih  
Metal on metal sound



**ピッ、ピンッ**  
Pihshih, Beeht (Pop)  
A whip snapping



**ジャーッ**  
Shaaht  
(Sssshhhhh)  
Rubbing water



**ザッ、ザザッ**  
Zhat, Zab zahi  
Sound of a sword cutting



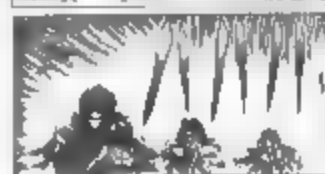
**ゴロゴロ**  
Goroh-Goroh-Goroh  
(Rrrmmbl)  
Sound of thunder in the distance



**びゅうううう**  
Byuuuuh (Woooo)  
Byuhoooooh  
Sound of wind howling



**ブン**  
Buhn  
Sound of a sword cutting the air at tremendous speed



**ばばっばっ**  
Bah-baht-baht  
Sound of a cloak being strongly whipped around



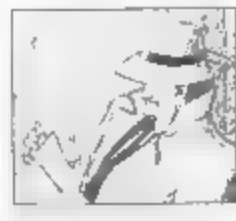
**バサッ**  
Bah-Saht  
Sound of a wind whipped cloak



**ツイツ**  
Tsuwheehi (Pluck)  
Plucking a light object



**ピーッ、ピーッ**  
Pee Pee (Beep)  
Pihkoh-pihkoh  
pikoh  
Sound of a clock ticking



**バラッ、バラ**  
Baraht (Snap, crackle, pop, Pahrab)  
Paper being crumpled. An object disintegrating



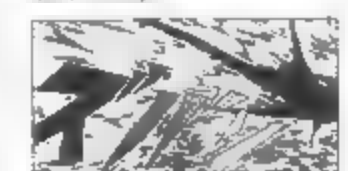
**シュワッ**  
Shuhwhat (Fizz)  
Carbonated water being agitated



**ぶるぶる**  
Buhruh-buhruh  
(Shiver)  
Shivering



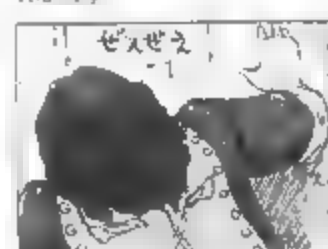
**パチッ**  
Pahchit  
Sound of a lightning bolt, metal cups clinking, a hammer striking a nail, a soda straw



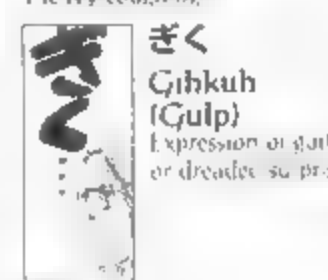
**ズバッ、ズバン**  
Zhubaht (Shakk)  
A sword cutting through a wooden board, a piece of wood being split, a sword being cut in two



**コリコリ**  
Kohri-kohri  
(Scratch-itch)  
Scratching one's back, rather roughly



**ぜえぜえ**  
Zeh-zeh  
(Kaff-kaff)  
Heavy coughing



**ブルルル**  
Buhruh-ruh-ruh  
(Neigh)  
Horse neighing



**バッバカ**  
Pahppahkah  
(Budump budump)  
Sound of a horse's hooves when it hops



**ギイ、バムッ**  
Kih (Creak)  
Bahnuhi  
The sound of a rusty door being opened, or a piece of wood on a blackboard



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# The Five Star Stories<sup>®</sup> X



Our story shifts scene to the Kastenpo region on the planet Both, a rather desolate mining area along the Dragon Road and a training cum vacation spot for headdliners, their fatimas, groupies and whatever. The events center around the region's newest visitor, the upstanding cleric/knight Muse Van Reyback, and its most notorious resident, the renegade Dougulus Kaien. After a chance meeting of the two under less than cordial conditions, Reyback drops into a bar recommended to him by none other than Voards Veiwlard (remember him?), and is told about the latest exploits of Kaien, the Silver Knight. It seems that four months previous, Kaien, the most wanted man in the Galaxy, infiltrated a military base connected with metorotekchrome, the metal for forging mortar headd swords, to collect intelligence. He was spotted, and during the ensuing escape, his fatima Auxo was blown to bits. Saving her, particularly her memory, is left up to Dr. Ballanche's protege Prisen Corks. Kaien's stunt does not go unnoticed, as the local Republic of U-Thu sends a mortar headd force, led by a rather disgusting chap Meiyu Sukat, to launch a "take no prisoners" attack on the village of migrant miners and anti-Amaterasu guerillas where Kaien sought refuge and was taken captive by the mysterious woman leading the guerillas.



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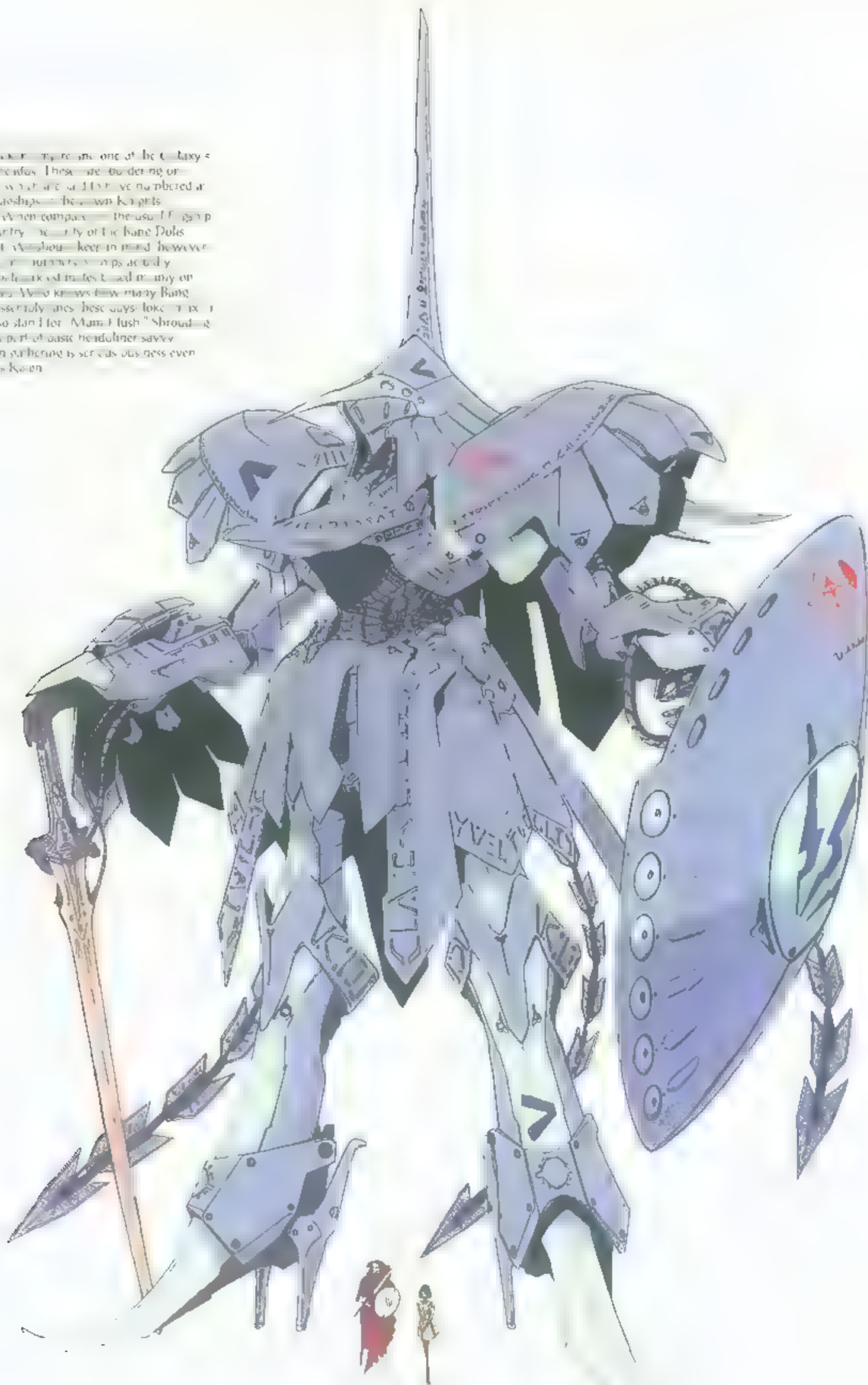
Mortar Headd  
**Schpeltor**

Technically the Mirage X made in the Knight's world is very different from the one that created the ultimate MO. The Mode X is not very different from the shieldless KOD. Yes my Mirage Animate was able to shoot with a genesis. Before Kamen got dies, the Schpeltor had been piloted by his mentor — Jim — Jannak and the name Water Dragon.





Mortar Headd  
**Bang Doll**

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**Dougulus Kaien**

Kaien is a character from the anime series "The Vision of Escaflown". He is a member of the "Black Knights" and is known for his long black hair and red shirt. He is a skilled swordsman and is the main character's mentor.



**A.T**

Aristocrat is a character from the anime series "The Vision of Escaflown". She is a member of the "Black Knights" and is known for her yellow and blue outfit. She is a skilled swordsman and is the main character's mentor.



Barbaluse U.



Michael Lester



Dr. Prisen Corks





Fatma Fates  
**AUXO**

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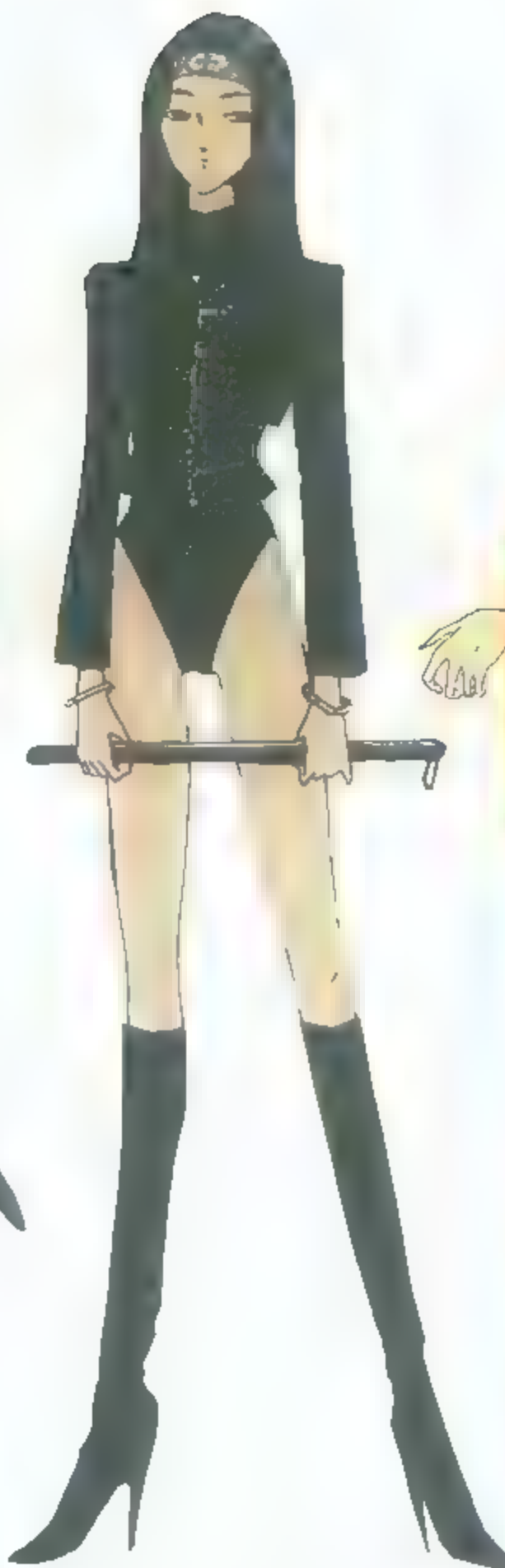
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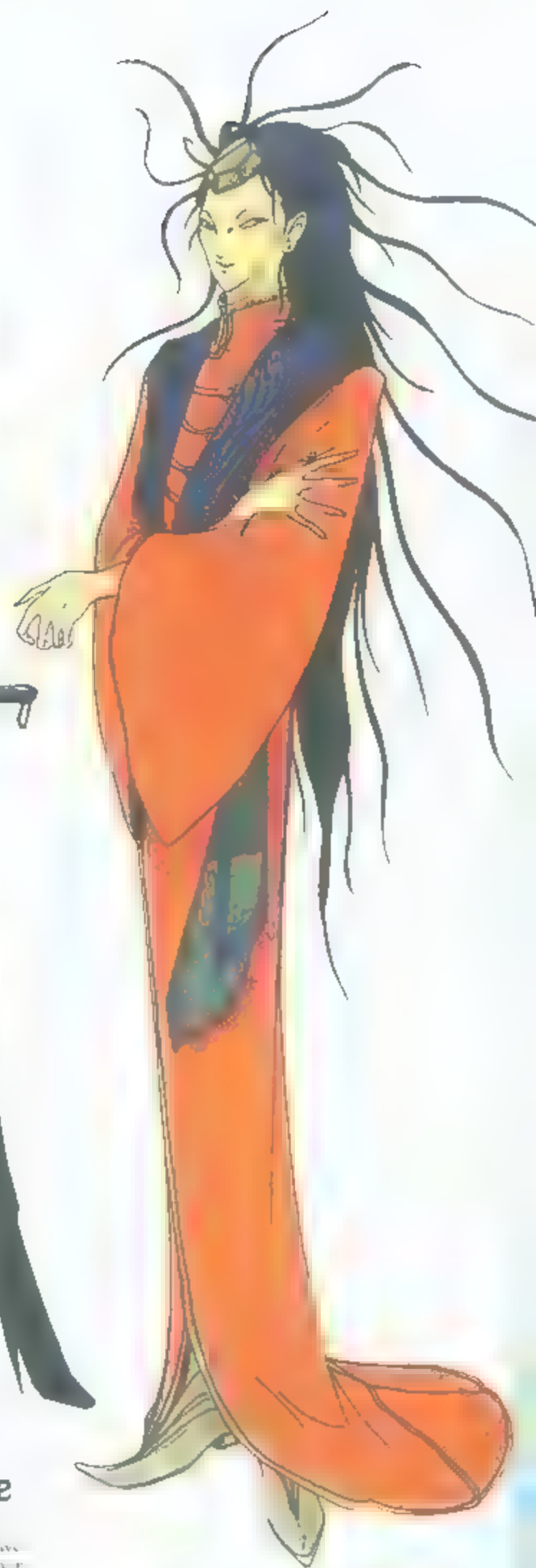


## Jabo Beat

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Mirage Knight No.3  
**Prince Ko-fan Shiemar**

come to the end of the day when  
 kinderless, too I heard her food and  
 or might power's demand at almost cost  
 in doing my utmost for humanity  
 that was the house I live in assuredly  
 by Anne and the 27th is a good time to  
 say.



Dedicated to Fatimas Everywhere

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You still don't get it do you? Romed.



But sir...we don't know for sure if Kaien's in the village.



Yes sir. Our troops are in a containment mode.

Fill me in on the latest ground troop movements.



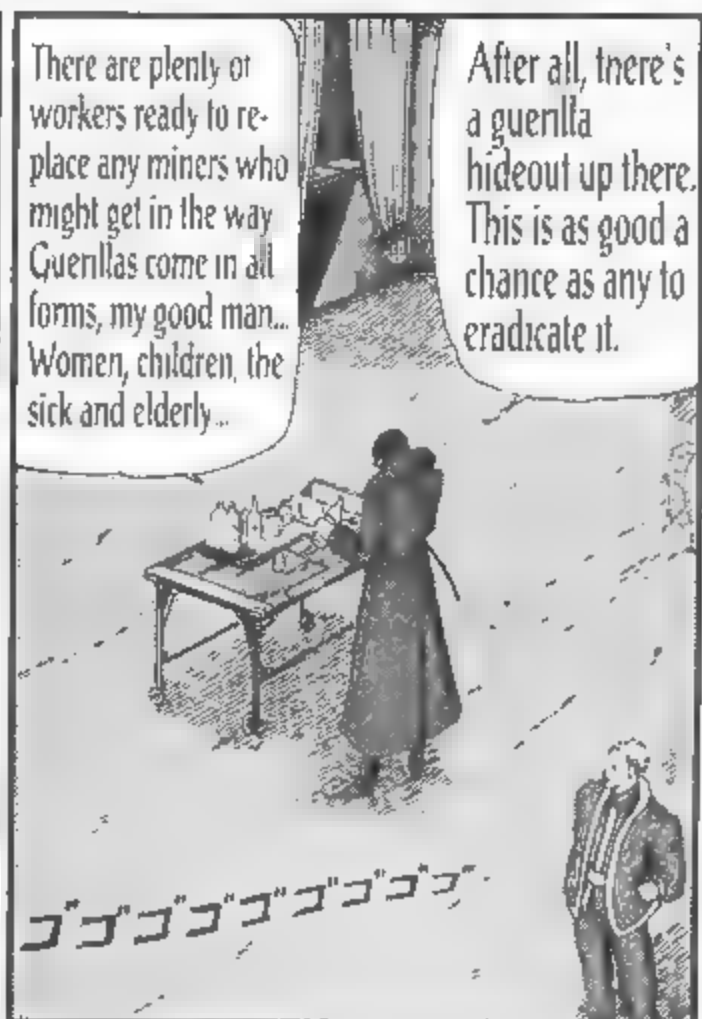
Flush Kaien out of there and take the Schpeltor into custody.

I don't care if you have to bombard the whole village...



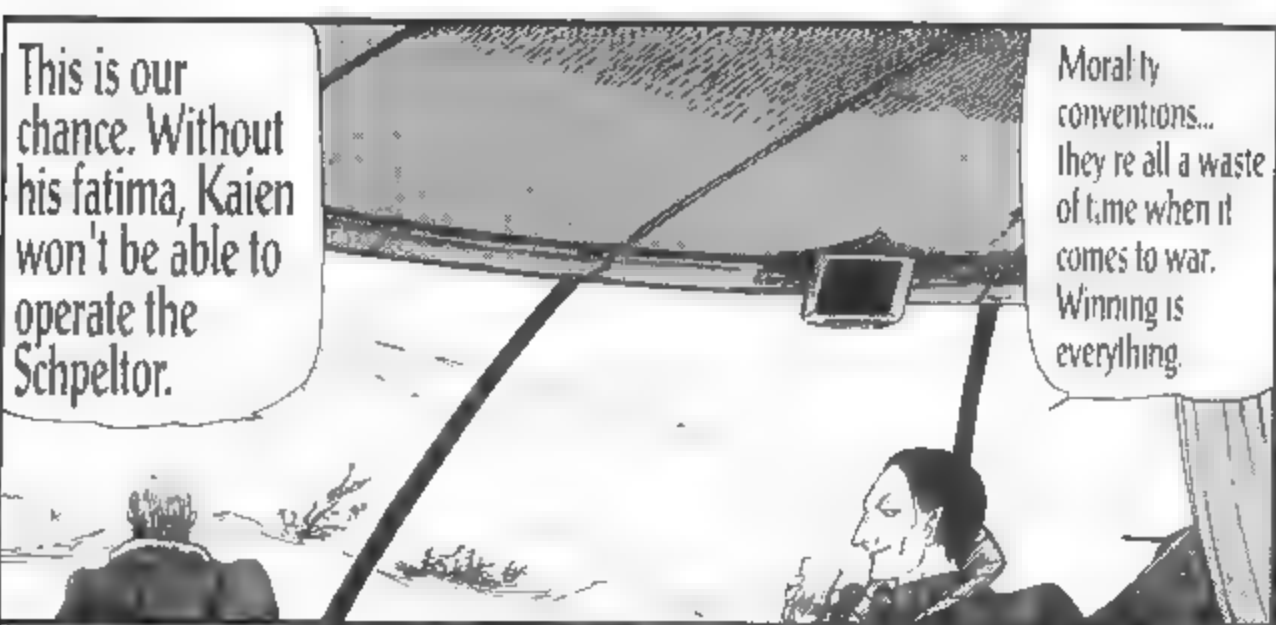
This is war, so I don't care if you slaughter the whole damn lot of 'em up there. We've had that option all along.

Listen, Romed. From antiquity, war has always been the occasion to kill the enemy's men and rape their women.



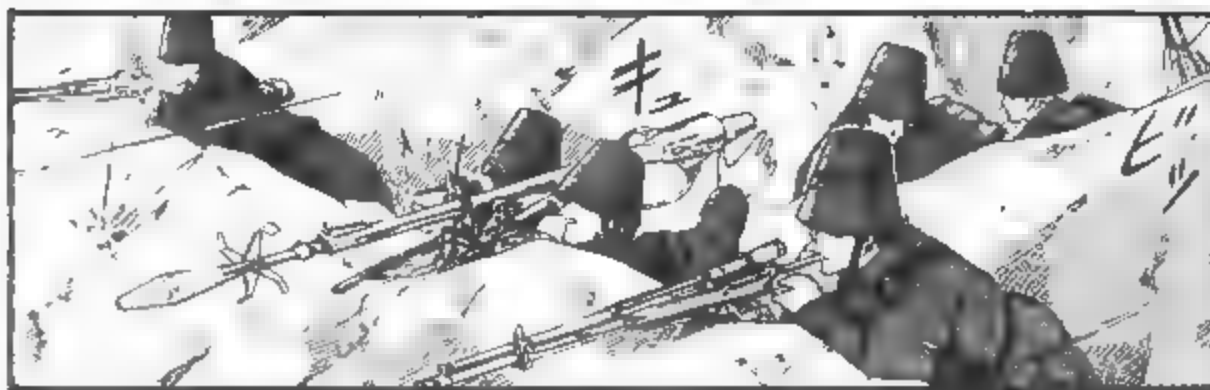
There are plenty of workers ready to replace any miners who might get in the way. Guenllas come in all forms, my good man... Women, children, the sick and elderly...

After all, there's a guenlla hideout up there. This is as good a chance as any to eradicate it.



This is our chance. Without his fatima, Kaien won't be able to operate the Schpeltor.

Moral ty conventions... they re all a waste of time when it comes to war. Winning is everything.





We've got to evacuate the villagers.



Captain! We can't hold the line any longer down there.



Wait here! I'll be right back.

They're using their artillery.



Okay.

Listen. This is the key to the prisoner's bracelet.



A.T.!

Meeth! Over here, honey!



Call up the other platoons. We'll make a run for it after we get the villagers safely into the mine.

They've broken through, captain... They'll be here any minute now.



Okay.



Tell him that we only need his help in escaping, nothing else.

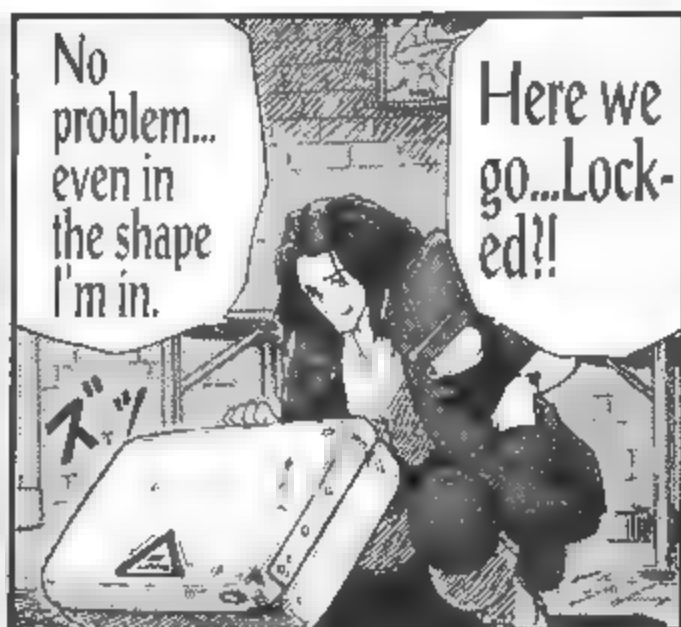




The signal's coming from over there.



Gotcha!



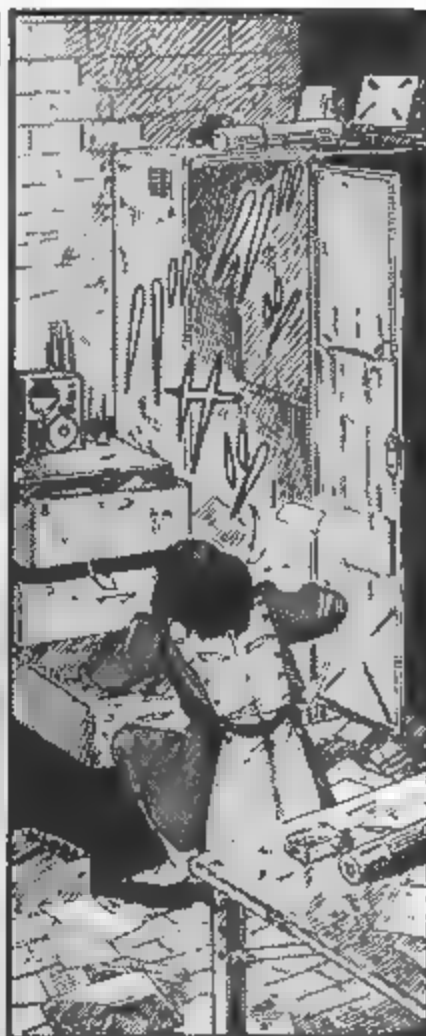
No problem... even in the shape I'm in.

Here we go... Locked!!



What do we have here? ...laser weapons!!

Maybe there's a spaad to burn this thing off my wrist.

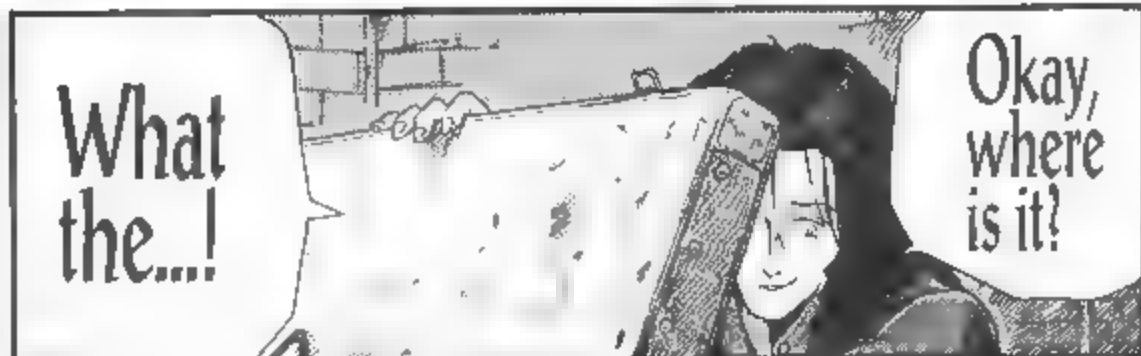


They're....

No way...



Wait a minute! What's this?



What the...!

Okay, where is it?



What the hell's goin' on here.

It's some chick's suitcase!



Locking a bag full of underwear! It takes all kinds!



Excuse me for prying lady, but...





This isn't  
playing by  
the rules,  
man!

Come  
on!

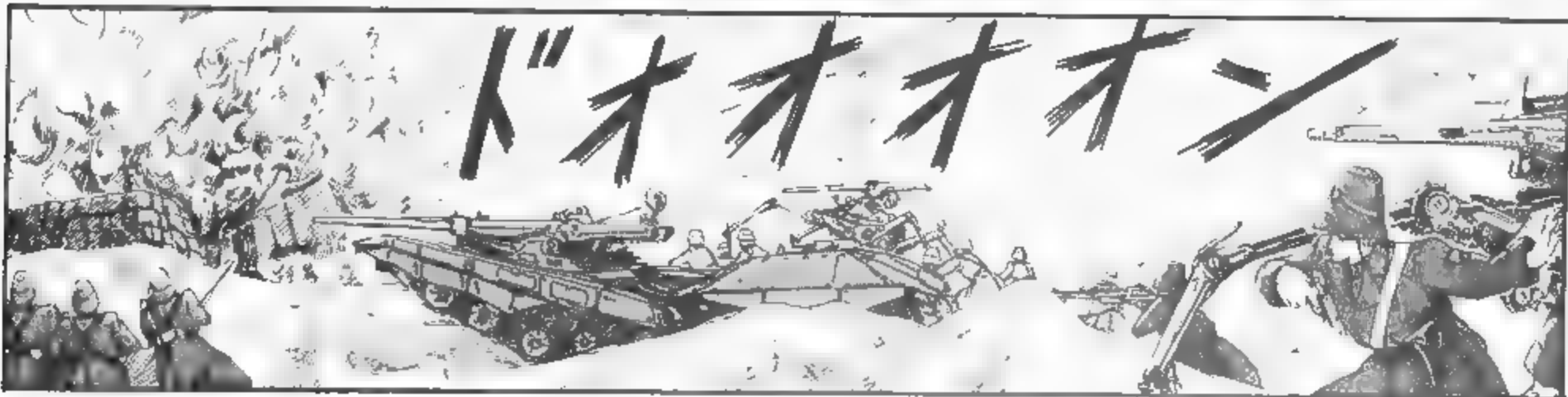
It's all  
coming  
together...

Who the hell  
do you think  
you are!!



Damn you,  
Ballanche!

ドオオオオオ









Nooo! Not the "sonic blade!"

Eeaagh! It's Kaien...

On the double!

Fall back to General Sukat's position...

...Or you're all gonna die!

Get back! Get the hell back, God dammit...

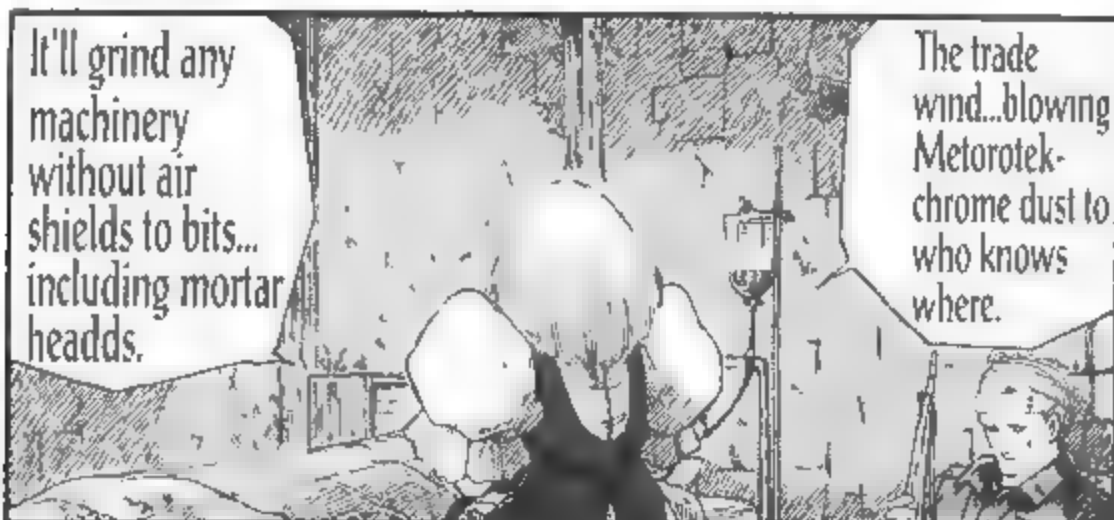


She'll be all right...No vital organs were hit.

Oh no!



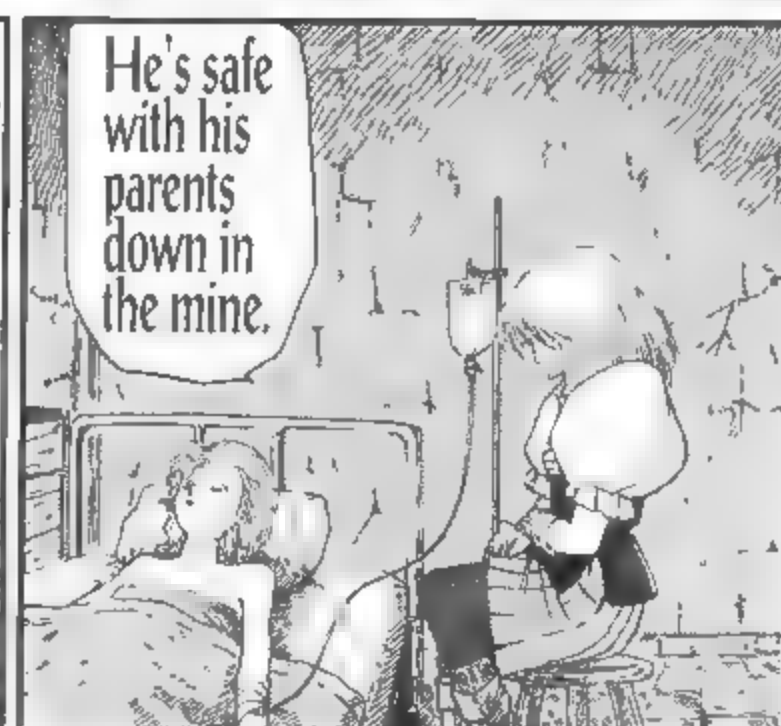
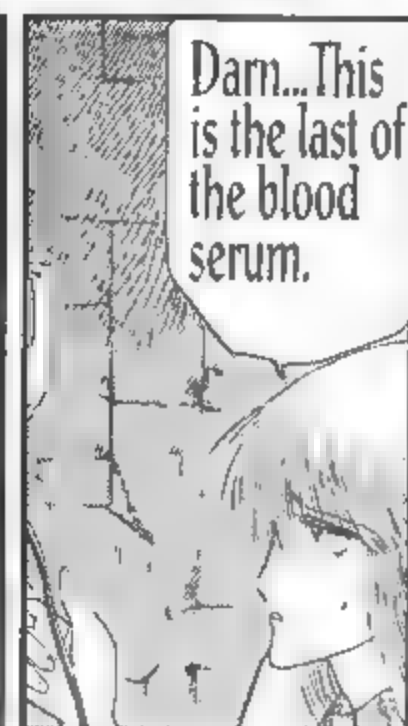


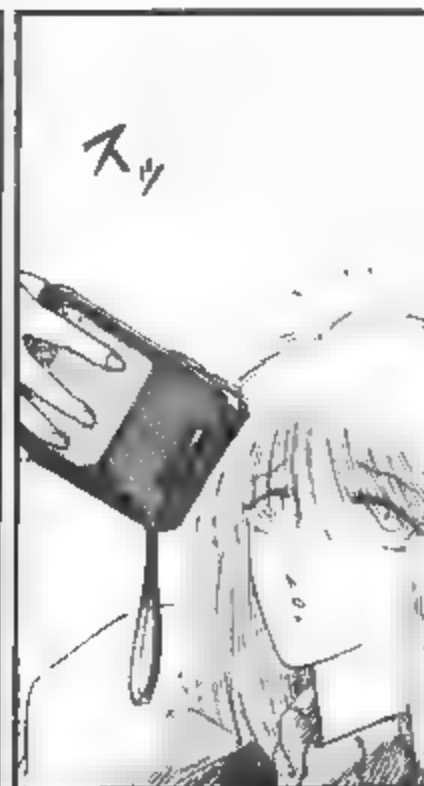


The trade wind...blowing Meteorotek-chrome dust to who knows where.



She came here with her mother from Karmanto.





...So why don't I create some disturbance on their flank and give you a chance to get outta here, too.



Listen...I'm partly responsible for this mess...

It's the villagers that have to be evacuated.

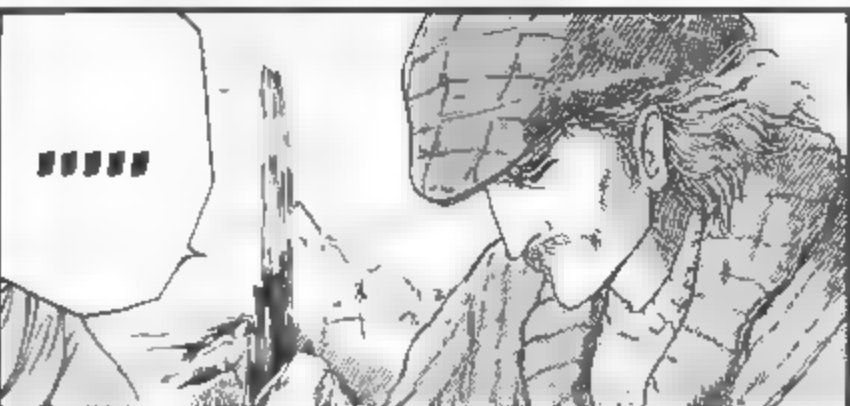
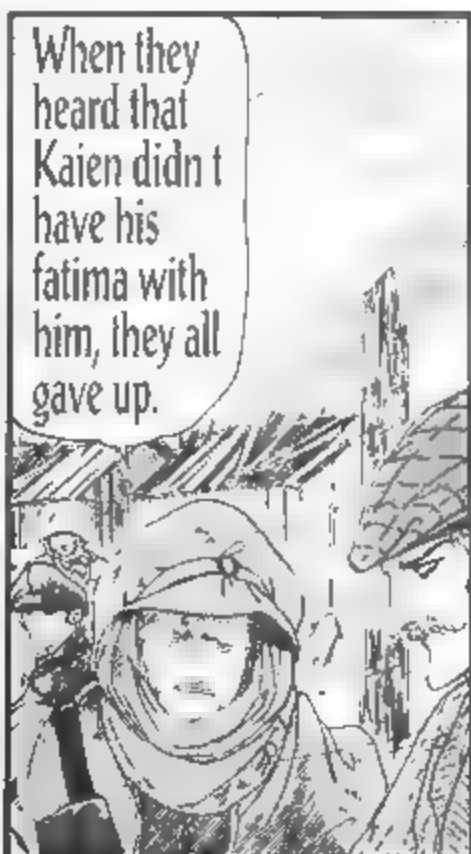


Escape...Us? Where would we go! We'd just as well make a stand here...

ゴオオオオオオ...



When they heard that Kaien didn't have his fatima with him, they all gave up.



They intend to wipe us all out... There's no place to run.



You saw the kind of attack they launched...Firing on an innocent child...

We have to fight, die if necessary... Mortar headds or no mortar headds.



We'd betray our comrades fighting for the same cause all over the Galaxy.

Our resistance movement'll become a laughing stock for the rest of history if we abandon these people.

To hell with mortar headds! We're mountain men, for crying out loud!



Nobody's leaving!

We're facing a slaughter here...Only volunteers need stand with us. The rest should go now.



ヒュウウウウウウ...







Not even a wild animal would fight knowing it would lose.

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You're all a bunch of bloody fools!



You're out of line, Kaien!

Your way of thinking has no respect for life.



You don't know what a mortar headd can really do to you!

You're wrong! All of you!



They are the ultimate, most complete life form created in Joker.

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Listen to me. Mortar headds exist only to slaughter people and destroy everything they own. They're nothing but murder weapons.

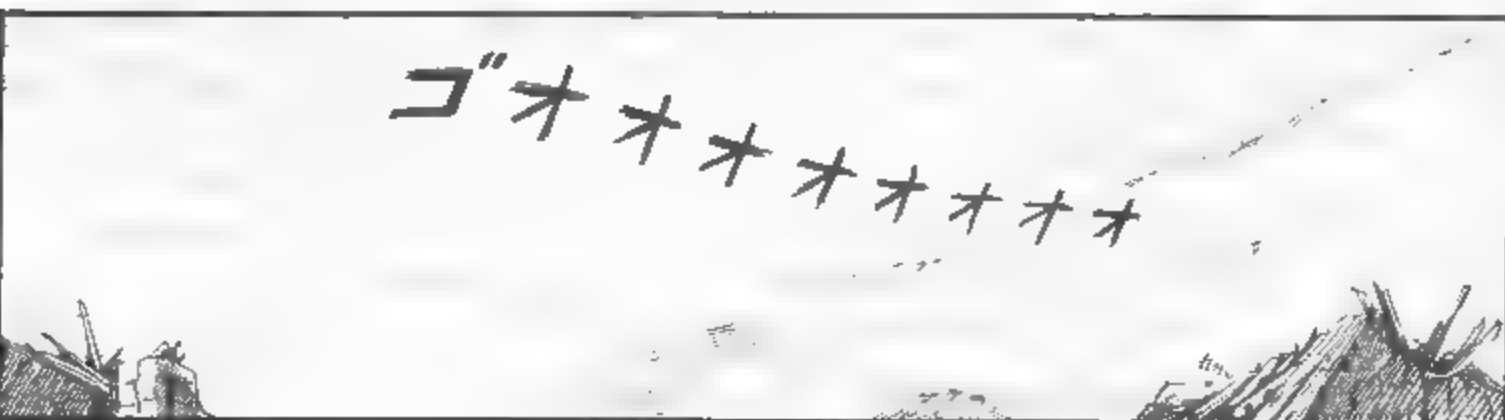
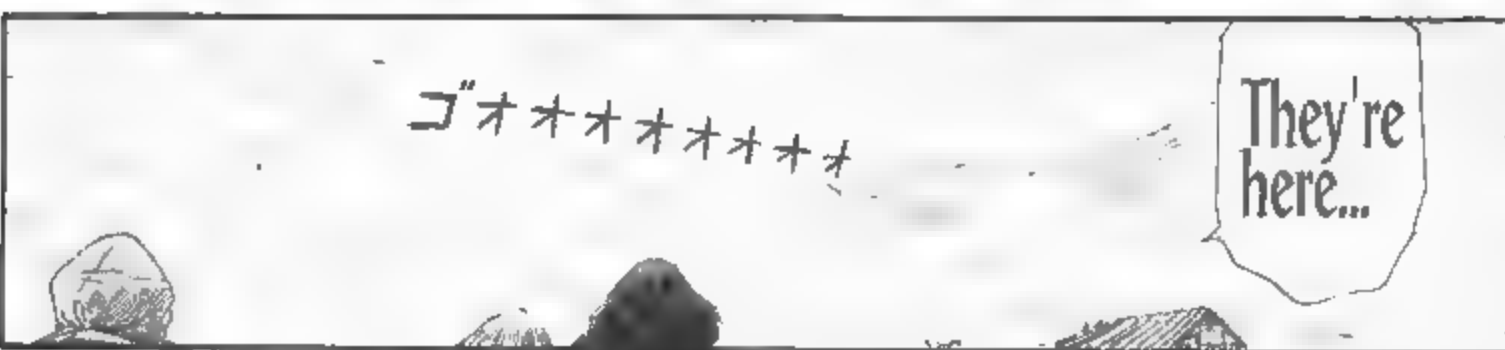
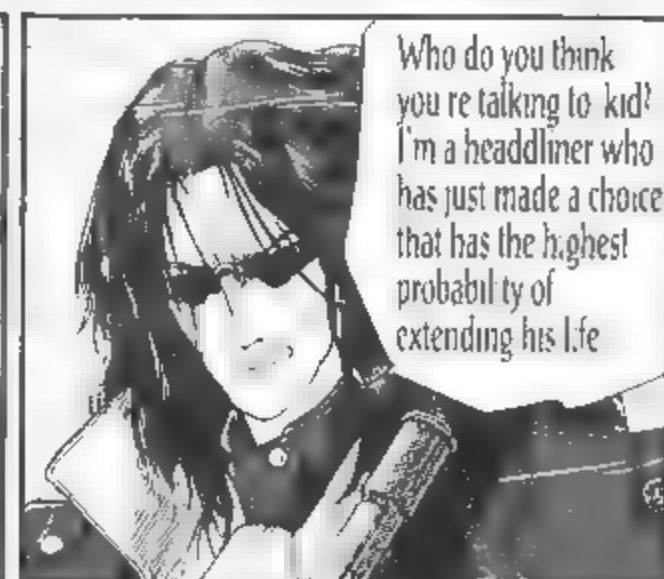


There's only one chance...to attack when there's no headdliner in the cockpit.

Have you?!

A.T., you've never been inside a mortar headd, have you?





— ゴオオオオオオオオオ —

You still don't understand, do ya?

In this storm? Impossible!

— ゴオオオオオオオオオ —

You still don't understand, do ya?

In this storm? Impossible!

...About five kilometers away...two ships...

We're being descended on by mortar headds, fellas.

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What?!



Kaien!  
Take care  
of A.T.  
here, will  
ya?

Everybody  
to your  
battle  
stations!



Kaien!  
Take care  
of A.T.  
here, will  
ya?

Everybody  
to your  
battle  
stations!



Will go through water, outer space, even an MTC sandstorm, to kill. The Zakker is no exception.

All the Galaxy's foremost MHs...Sirens, A-TOLLS, Bang Dolls...

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See you around, captain. Take care of yourself!

What are you talking about?

We can't waste such talents as yours in a place like this.

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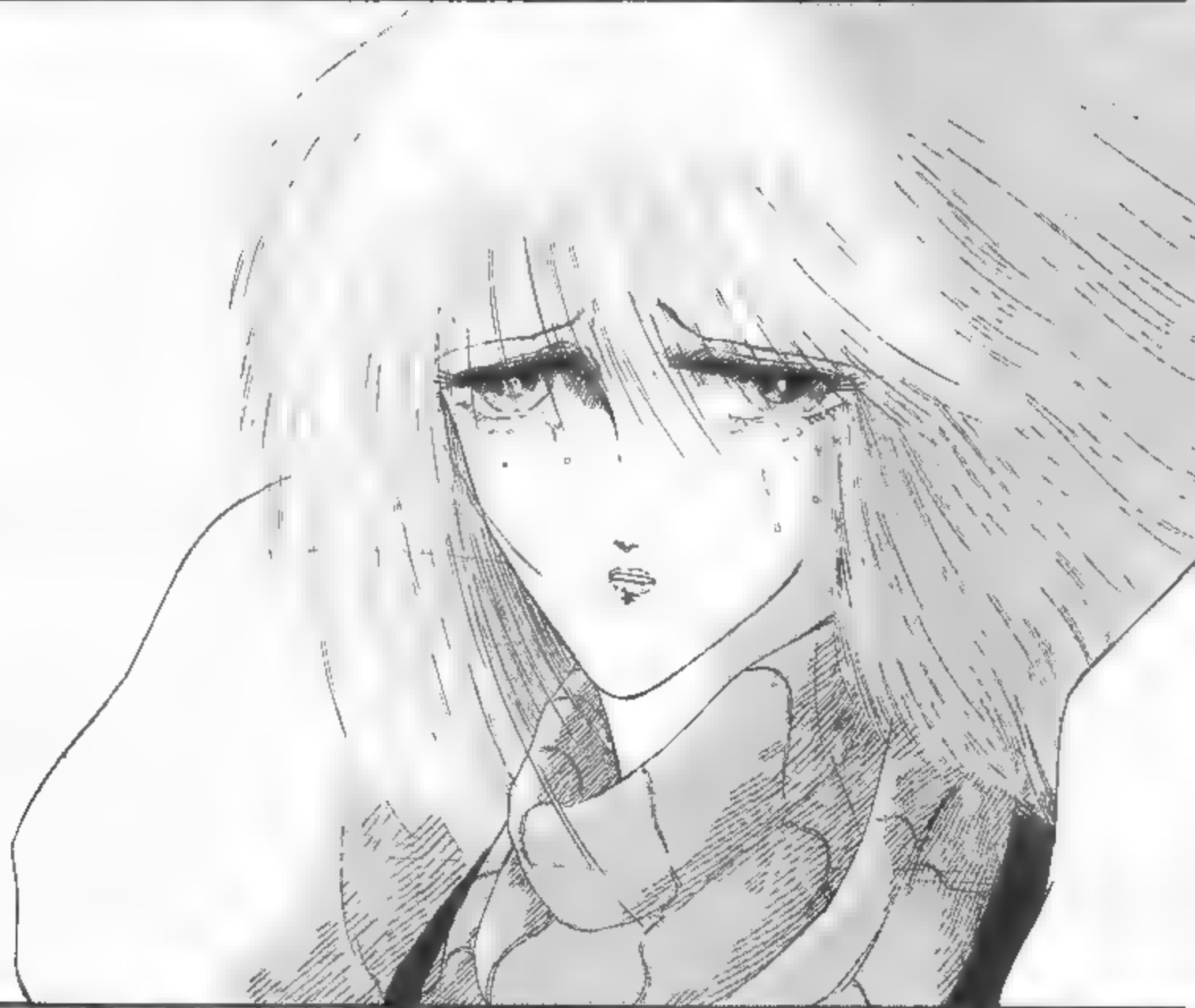
We all have  
nothing but  
love and  
respect for  
you.



A.T., you know what they do to the women they capture, don't you?



There is a fatima here.



Fatimas  
have been  
subjected to  
mind  
control.



No. You  
must be  
mistaken.



...was at this mad  
scientist's laboratory,  
just before Magaella,  
Tisphone and Aleto  
opened their eyes...

The first  
time I met  
Auxo...

...Marked with  
the names  
Clotho, Lachesis  
and Atropos  
...with three  
darling babies  
asleep inside...



There were  
three small  
capsules  
over in a  
corner...

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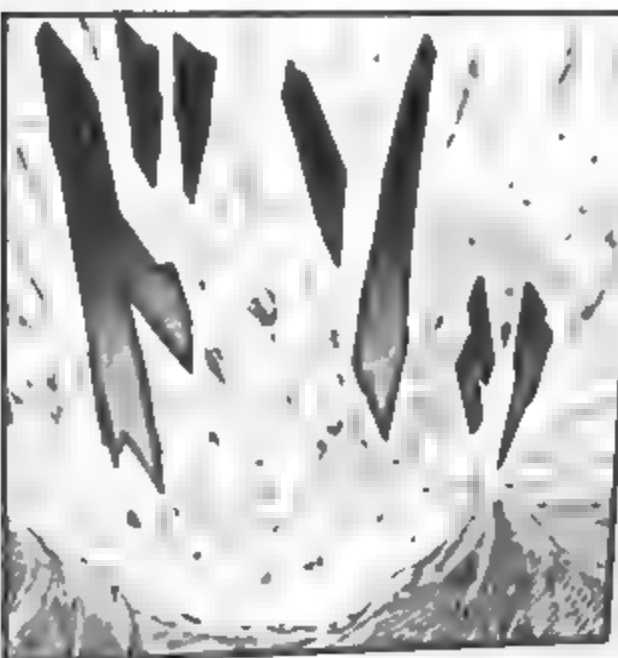


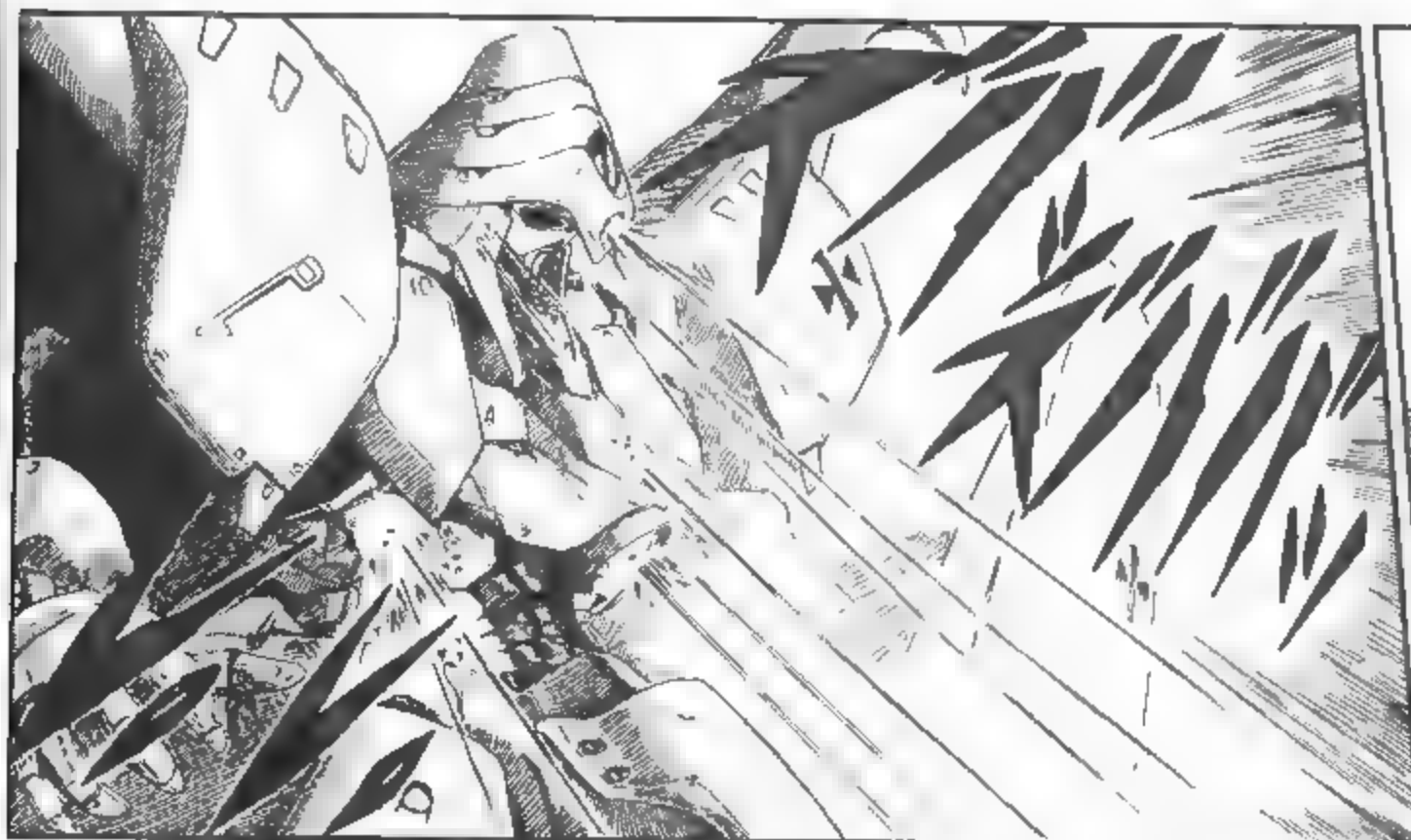


We'll try to  
stop them here.  
Stay outta the  
mine!

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MH motors!  
They're here,  
lads.

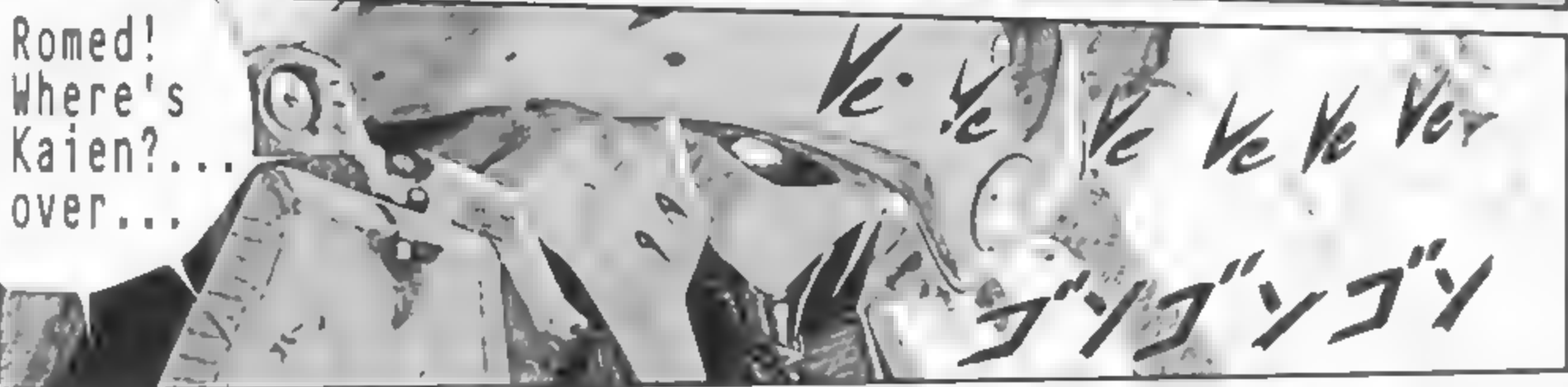




They're  
headed  
for the  
mine!



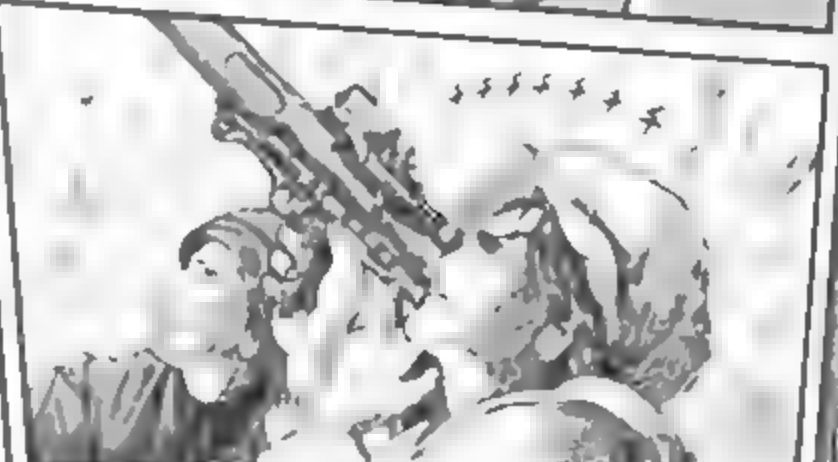
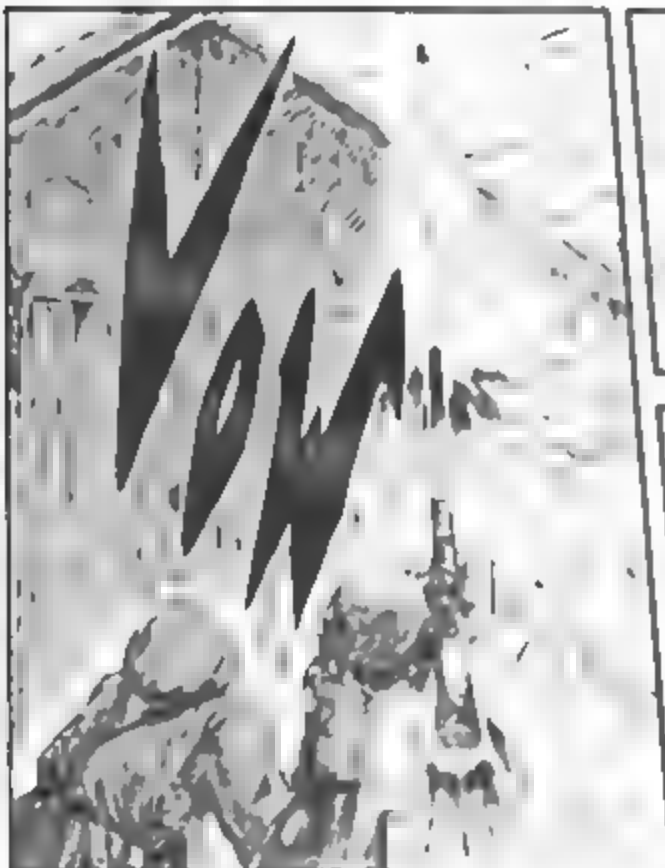
Romed!  
Where's  
Kaiken?...  
over...



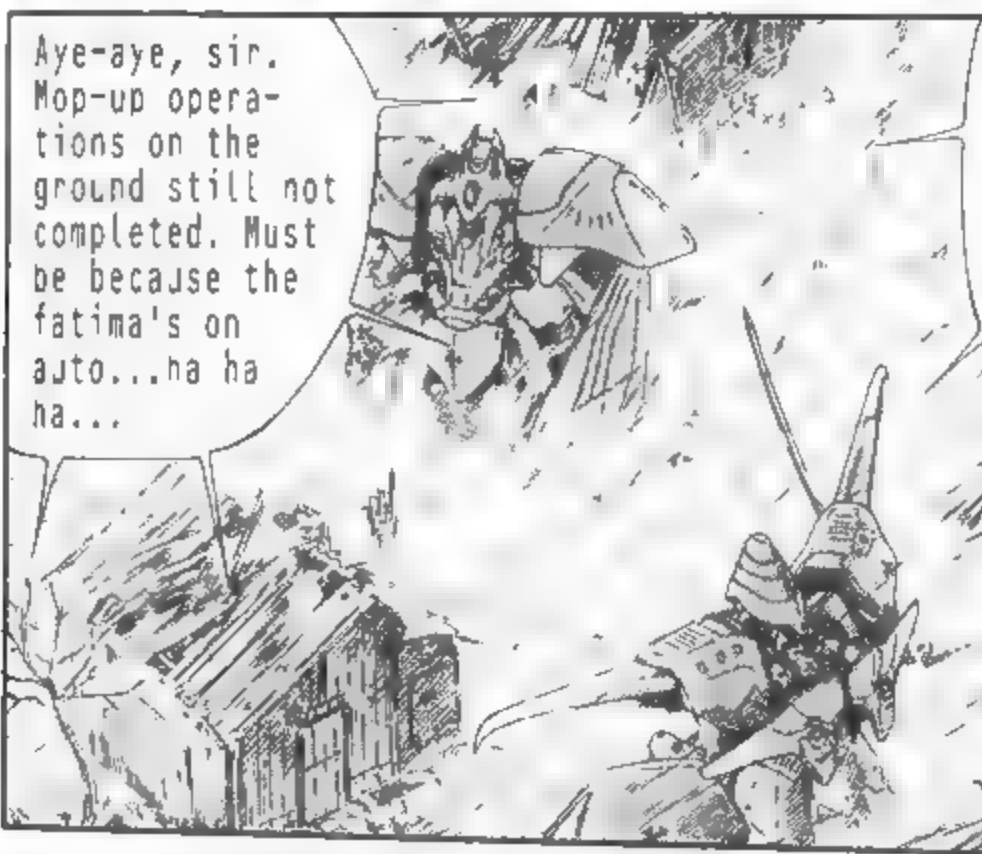
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The mine's  
straight  
ahead...  
He's prob-  
ably in  
there...







Aye-aye, sir.  
Mop-up operations on the ground still not completed. Must be because the fatima's on auto...ha ha ha...



Is it over?  
Reload anti-personnel launchers and S-mines.



I'll go.  
You fall back.

Oh no!  
A.T.'s kid is still in her hut!



Shit! There's nothing we can do! We're gonna hafta make a run for it.


Where's  
A.T.!




Meeth!  
You  
okay?



Don't worry.  
Let's get you  
to the mine.



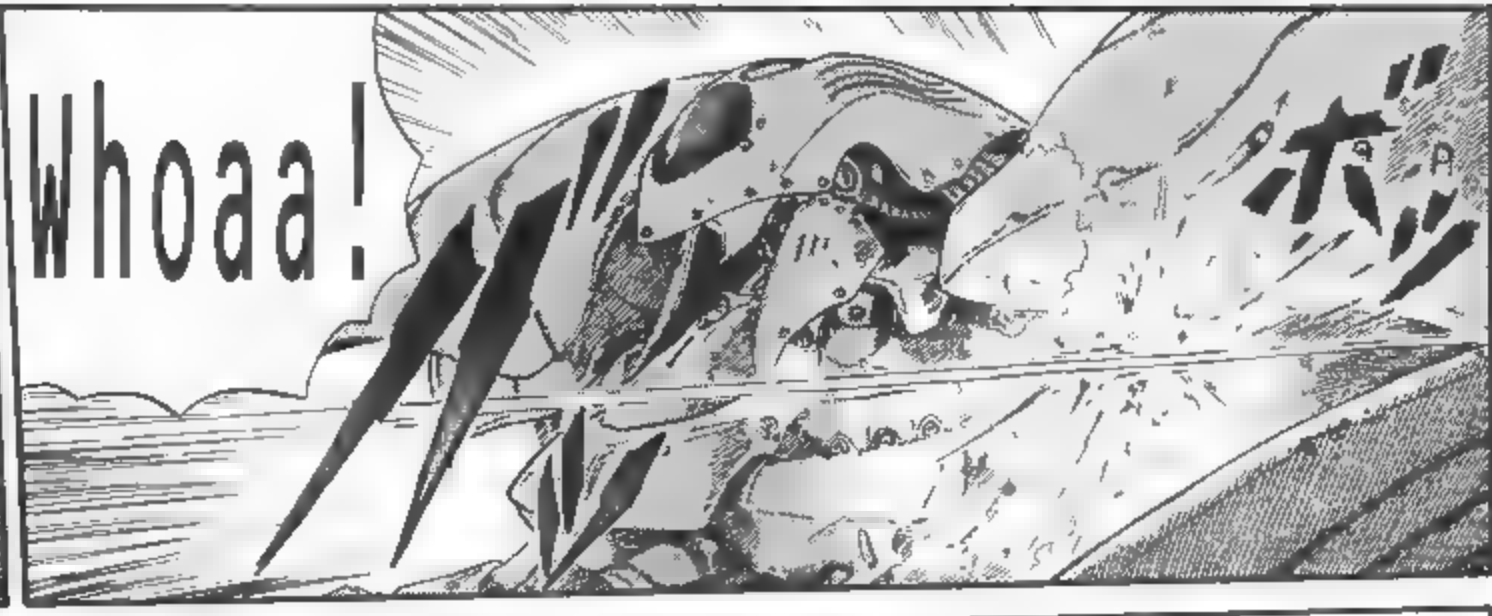
The village...  
it's all  
smashed...



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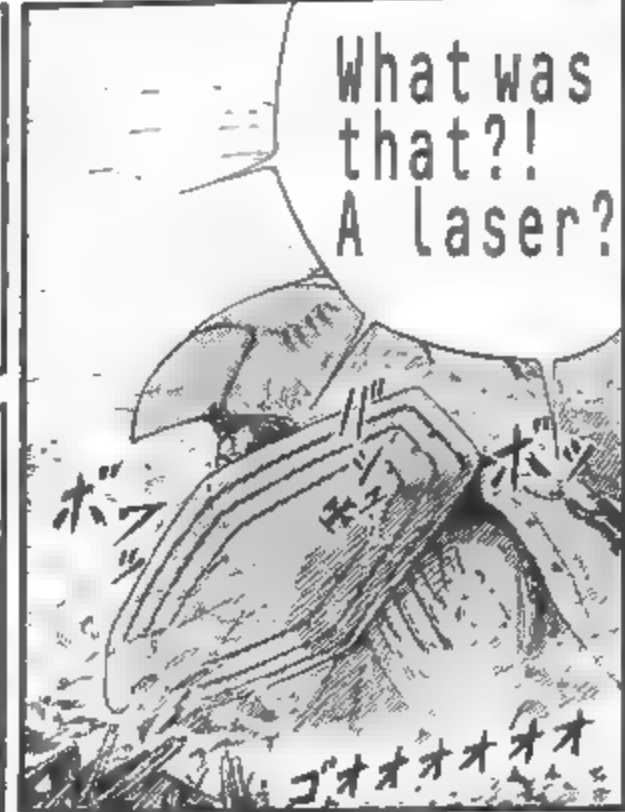
Whoaa!

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what the hell's goin on over there, Romeo?! Enemy fire?... over...

Damage only slight, sire. Oil line leak from the impact. Shutting off oil supply.



What was that?! A laser?



Is there an MH out there?... over...

Nothing serious, sir. Seems we were hit by a wide bore laser... Be careful sir...



10-4... I'm going to reconnoiter.



Can't see a damned thing... scanner s on the fritz, radar down...only things working in this storm are my eyeballs...over





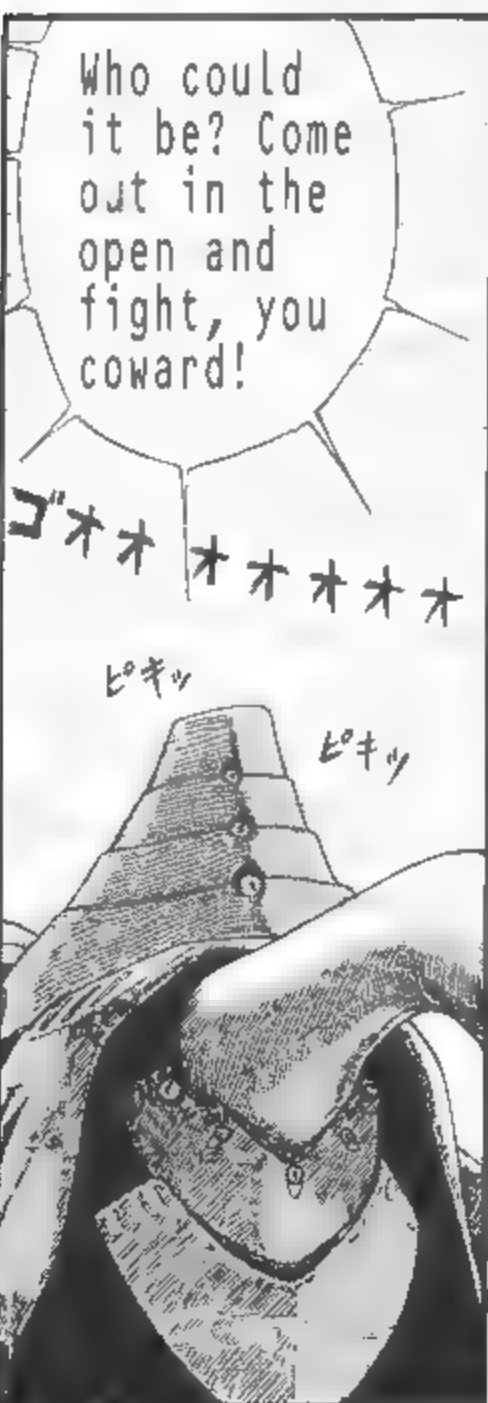
Geee-  
hhh!



What goin'  
on over  
there,  
Romed...  
over...



Unngh!



Who could  
it be? Come  
out in the  
open and  
fight, you  
coward!

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Linsa!  
Start  
monitor-  
ing in the  
sound  
outside  
the craft.

We'll  
listen  
him into  
our clut-  
ches.

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Abandon-  
ing ship...  
I'm sorry...

They got me...  
Caught me  
off guard...



Aye-aye,  
sire. Hand-  
ing over full  
control...

It's an  
MH, God  
dammit!  
Be on  
alert,  
Linsa.



Oh!  
I know...

The problem  
is how to  
locate it in  
this  
weather...

Who in the hell...Kaien... is that you?

Very clever Lord Sukat...as usual...

...The fluctuating pressure and wind resistance around the craft are also excellent tell-tale locators.

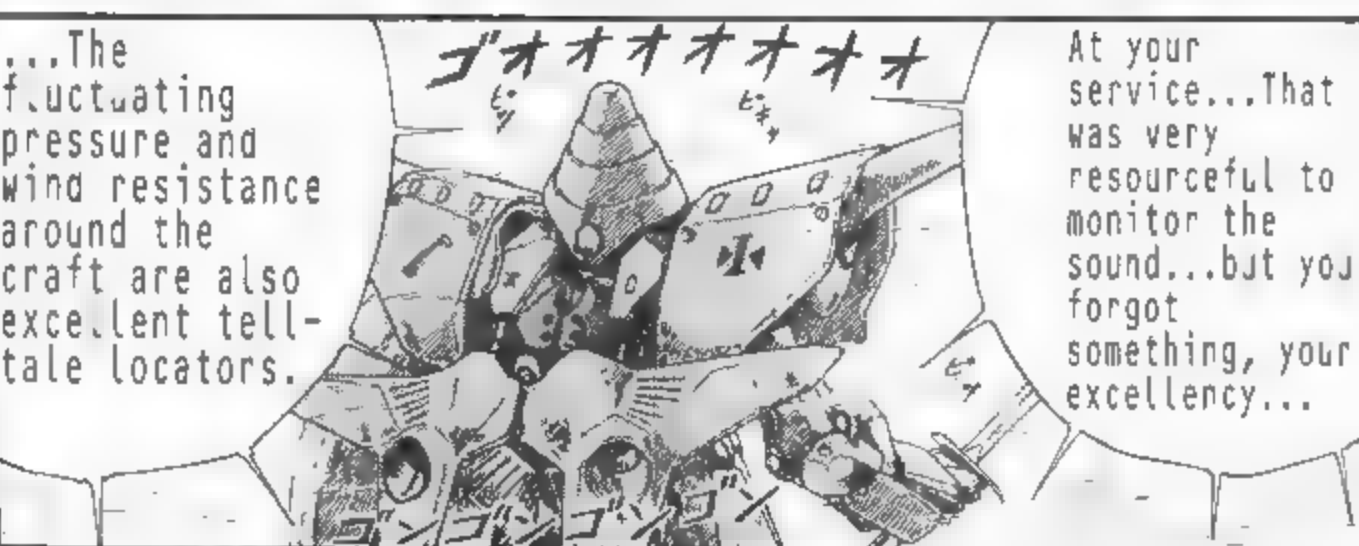
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At your service...That was very resourceful to monitor the sound...but you forgot something, your excellency...

Engage me out in the open, Kaien!

Where are you, Kaien? Show your face, you blackguard.


Accepted...Now take a look aft...











The so-called  
superior strength  
and ability of the  
larger orders of  
knights?... Cheap  
gossip planted by  
them among the  
unwashed masses.

You can have  
your Lowns  
and Kneue  
Syltiss'...

Time for  
Meiyu Sukat  
of U-thu to  
send  
Jokerites a  
different  
message.

Aye-aye, sire.

Onward to victory,  
my dear Linsa!

Aaäëëëë!



Enough is enough...Switch controls back... Releasing smoke screen...



You ain't seen no-thing yet, Sukatty boy.

Graah... what swordman-ship!



We can't continue any longer, sire... There is no shame in the battle we've waged.



What are you babbling about, woman! We're holding our own here!



Master! We can't go on... 30% loss in power output...all reserves depleted.

Dash it  
all! We'll  
meet again,  
Kaizen... You  
can count  
on it!



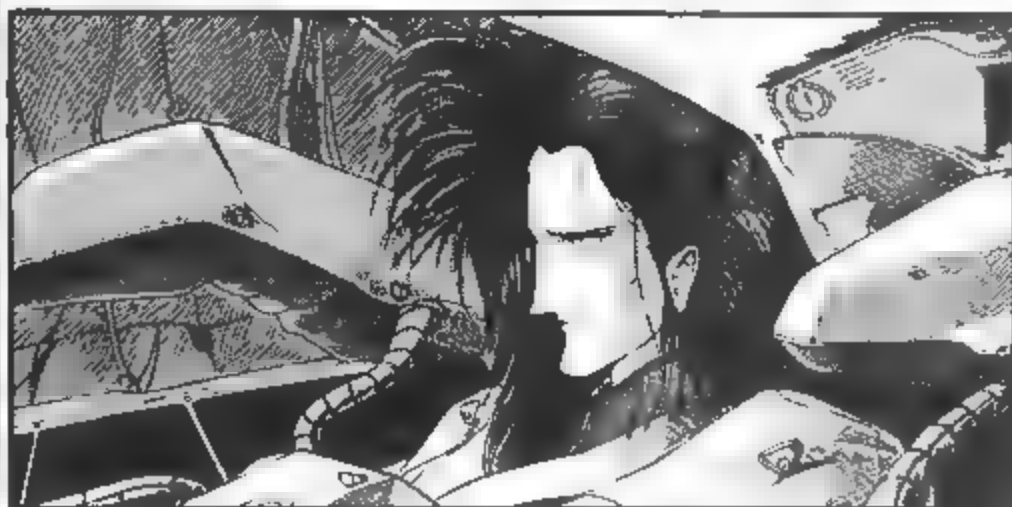
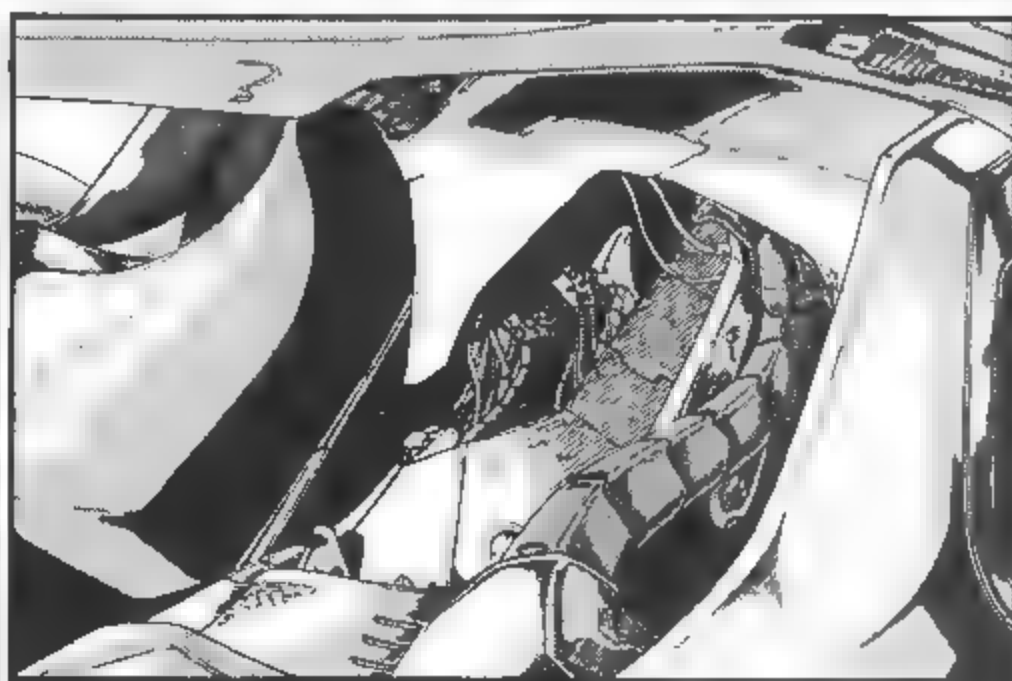
Kaizen could  
have finished  
him, but he  
didn't... Now...

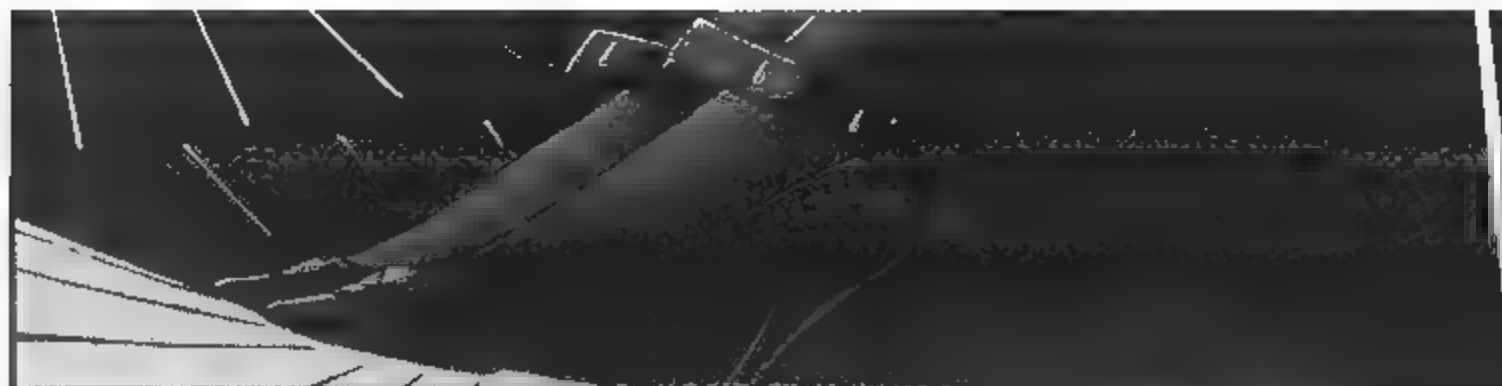
Sukat, you're  
a dirty  
bastard... but  
you put up a  
valiant fight.

Hoo-  
ray!

Where have  
I seen that  
mortar head  
before?

Amazing...  
the way she  
easily stepped  
in and hand-  
led everything  
so smoothly...

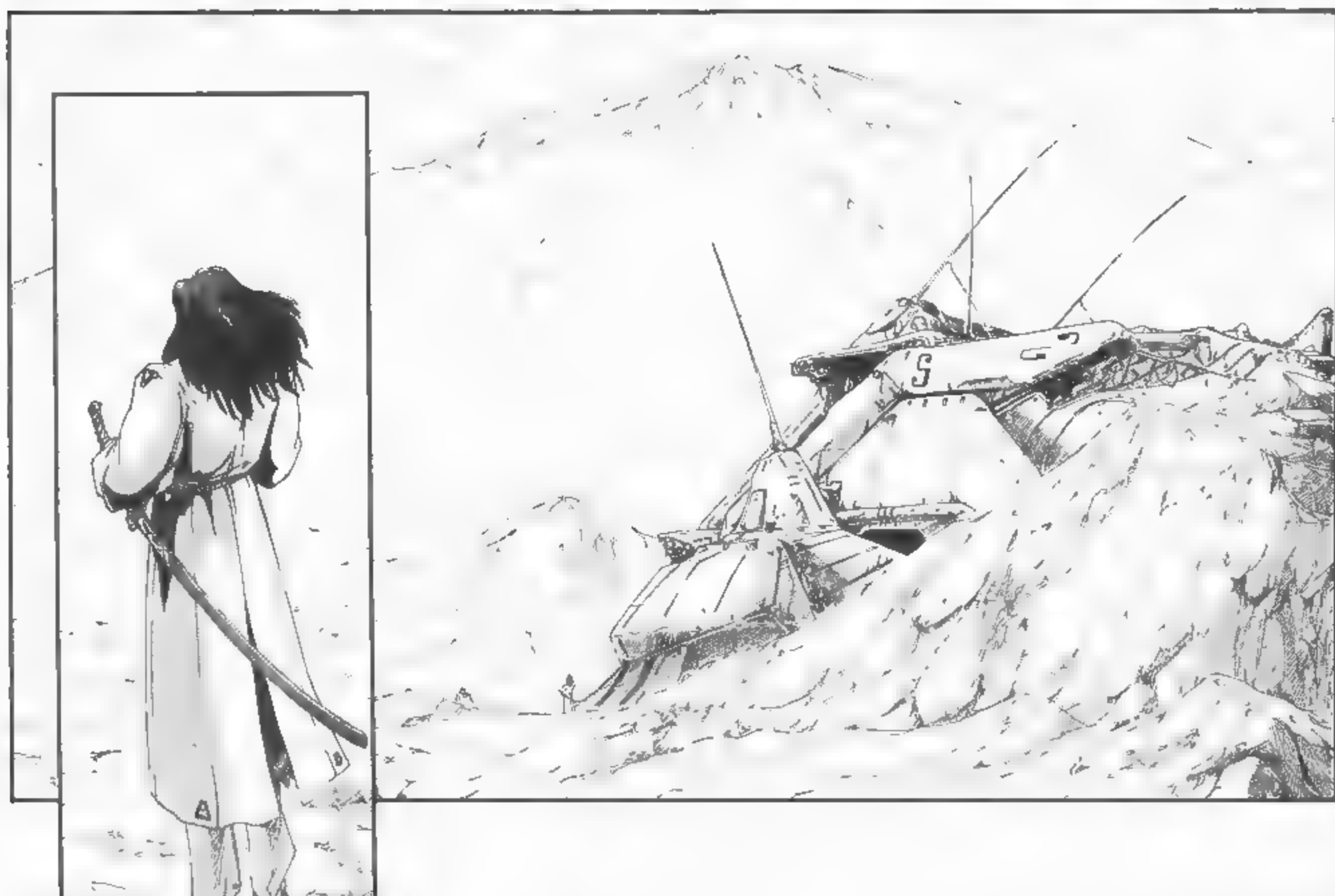




That  
fragrance...



It's my big  
sister  
Queen's  
scent in here.







That's right...  
the  
Schpeltor,  
too...

Master  
Dimos'  
partner...



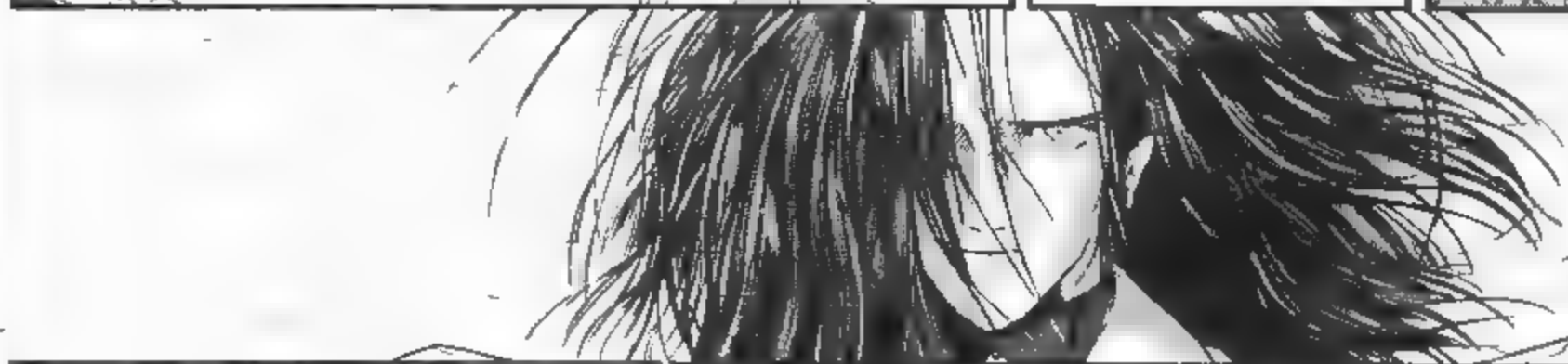
Your  
sister  
Queen  
taught  
you.



Now,  
about  
where you  
learned to  
duel...



My version of the  
"Water Dragon"  
that the two of  
them piloted  
together.



Is Queen  
still alive?



...dressed  
in a fatima  
suit.

I never  
wanted  
anyone to  
see me like  
this...



Now I've  
had to relive  
the agony  
again...

It's what I  
wanted to  
forget most  
of all...

Why aren't  
we able to  
reproduce?

Why do we  
have to be  
subjected to  
mind  
control?

...would have meant  
your fall from mastery  
over living  
things...Fear of  
becoming second best  
has led you to  
mutilate our sex  
organs and minds.

Not controlling the  
emotions of fatimas,  
who are superior to  
you intellectually and  
physically, and will  
outlive you...

You humans  
were too  
afraid of us,  
that's why...

You wanted to  
keep us from  
becoming the  
rulers of a new  
age.

Eloquently  
put, kid.

...for not making  
us like all the  
others...for  
forcing me to  
think about all  
this

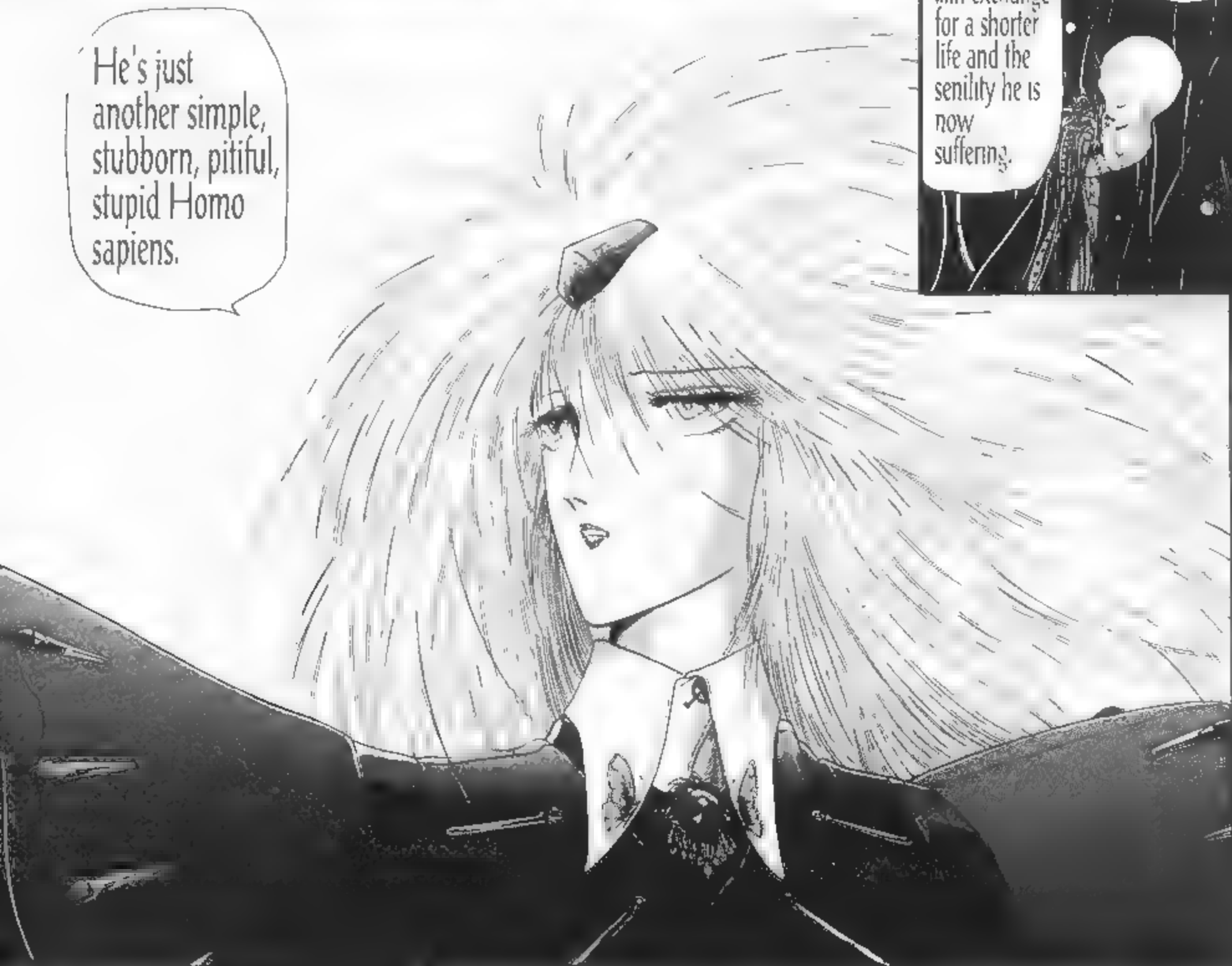
I hated  
Ballanche...



...please  
don't take  
it out on  
him...

So...

He's just  
another simple,  
stubborn, pitiful,  
stupid Homo  
sapiens.




Me..

Clotho .

Lacnesis...

Father  
instilled in us  
the dreams of  
every  
fatima...

...In exchange  
for a shorter  
life and the  
senility he is  
now  
suffering.



The Wind will blow toward  
directions...north...south...  
west...and from beyond.  
I will bid the first gust of  
the Wind in place of the  
dawning light.  
And while you are watching,  
the final opportunity is upon  
you...Until Fortune's turn...I  
will keep my eyes open for  
this very short time...  
I will embrace all of the  
hopes and dreams held by  
fatimas everywhere and  
entrust them to Kallen.



...helped  
me  
remember  
who I  
really am.

Sitting in  
the  
Schpeltor  
with you...

Are you  
leaving?

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...but I'm a fatima...I'll  
never see her  
again...never return  
to my friends in the  
resistance.

I'm worried  
about leaving  
Meeth  
behind...

I've decided to live this  
eternal life father gave  
me...like a migrant bird  
who has forgotten to fly  
south...or a heavenly  
maiden who has forgotten  
the way home...

I believe in the  
future, despite  
what my father  
thinks.

...not like  
a human.

Thank you,  
Sir Dougulous,  
for treating me  
as a fatima...

...I'm sure I'd  
have made  
you a good  
wife.

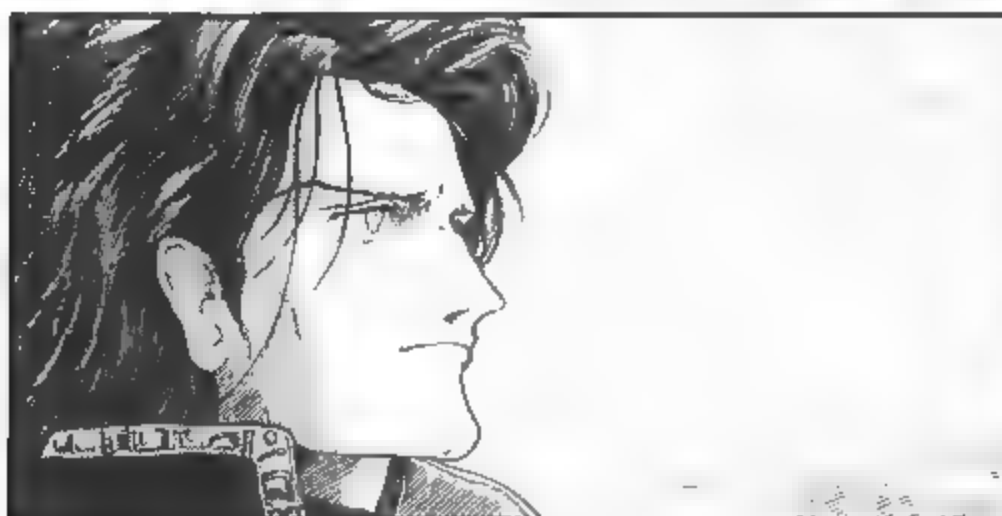
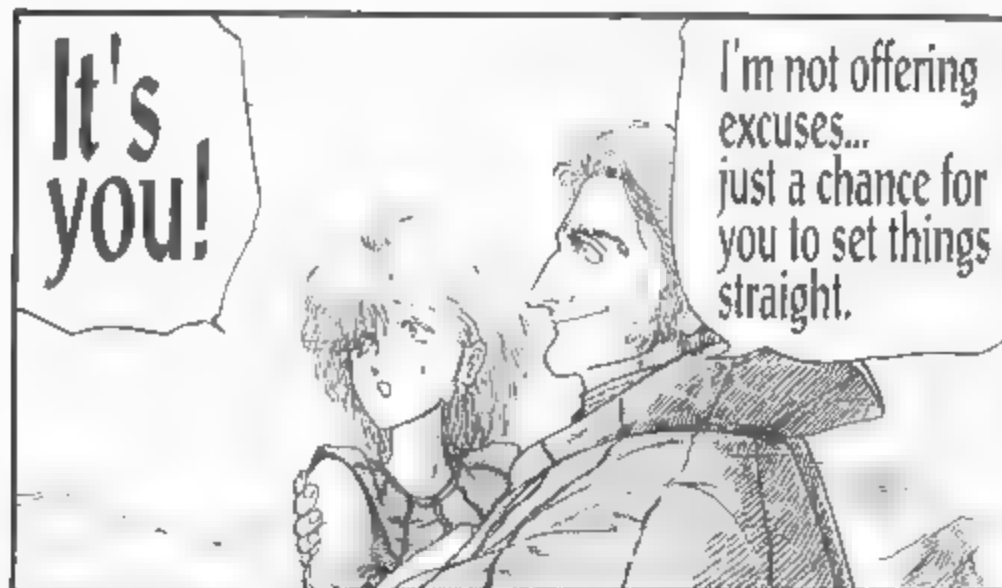
If I had been  
born a bone  
fide, 100%  
pure human...

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Hi.

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I'll explain it  
to you when  
you're a little  
older.

She's still  
alive, but she  
had some-  
thing to do...

Where's  
A.T.?

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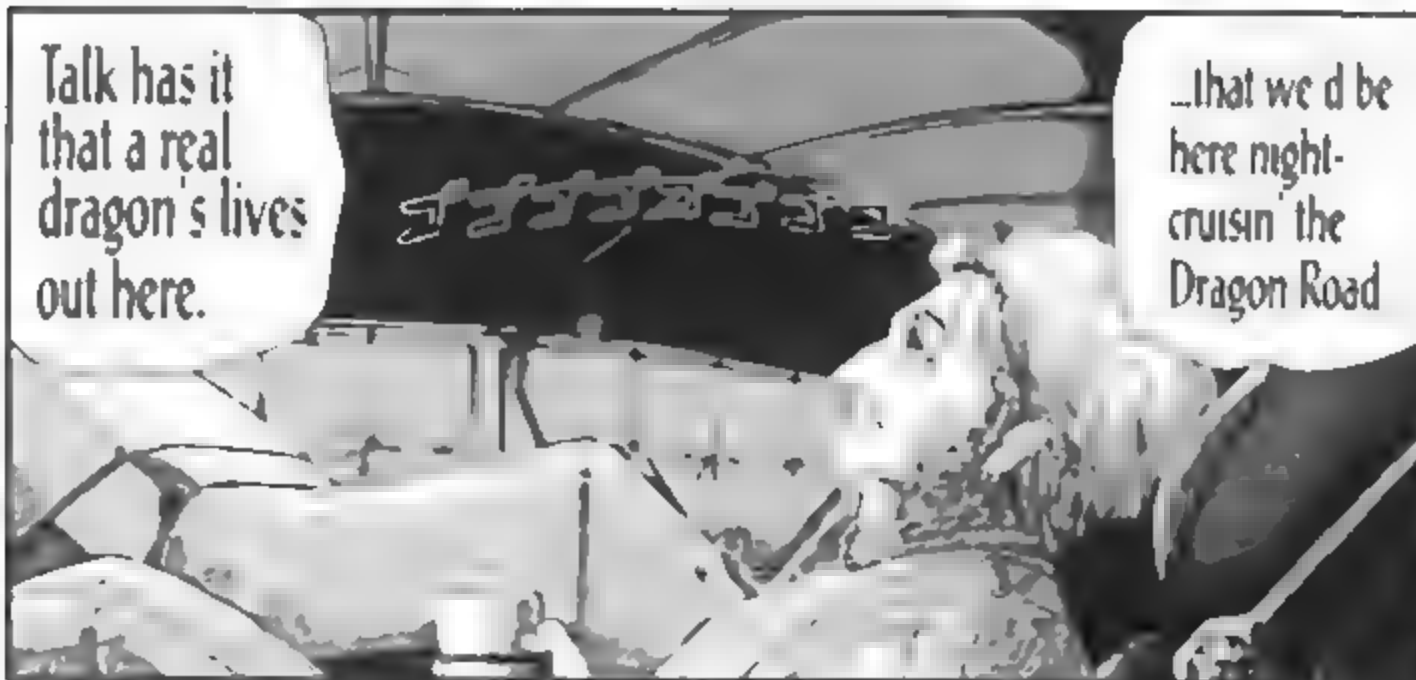
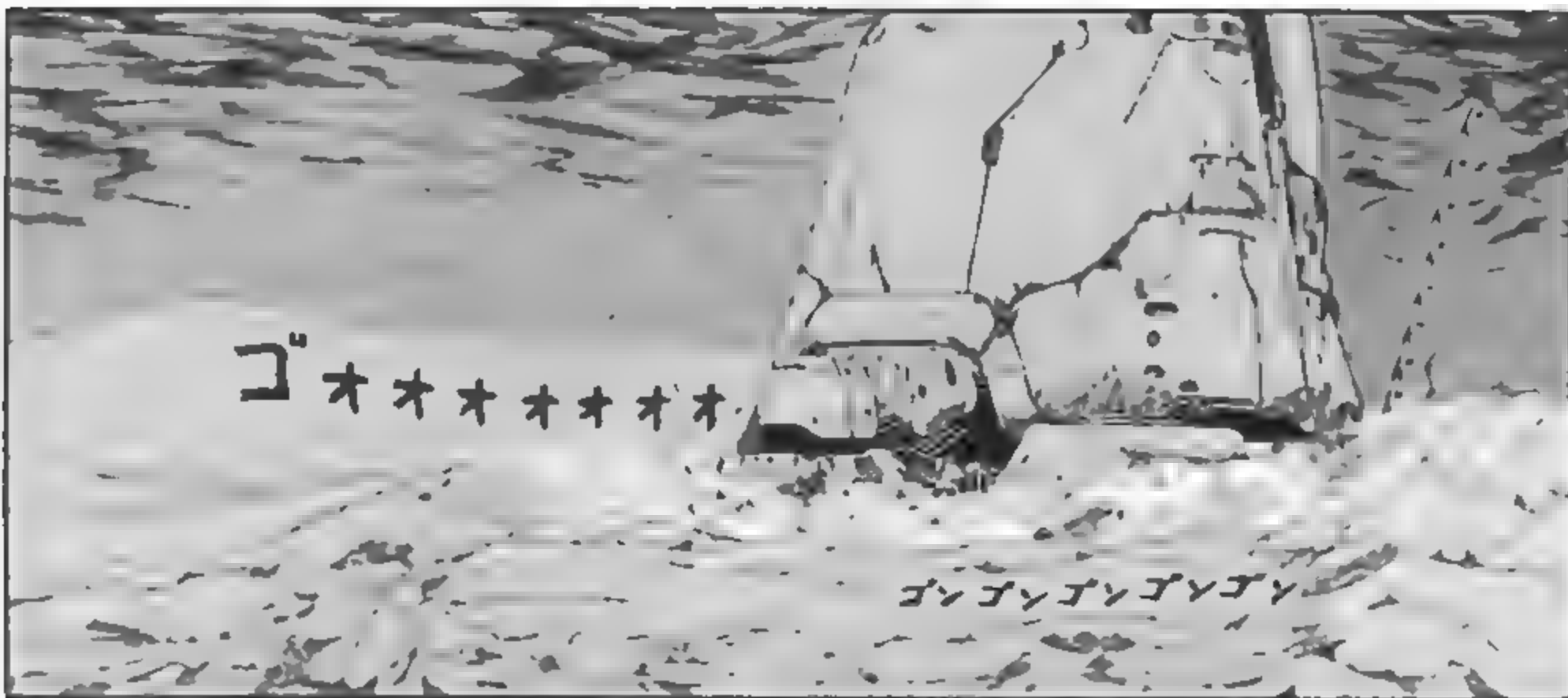
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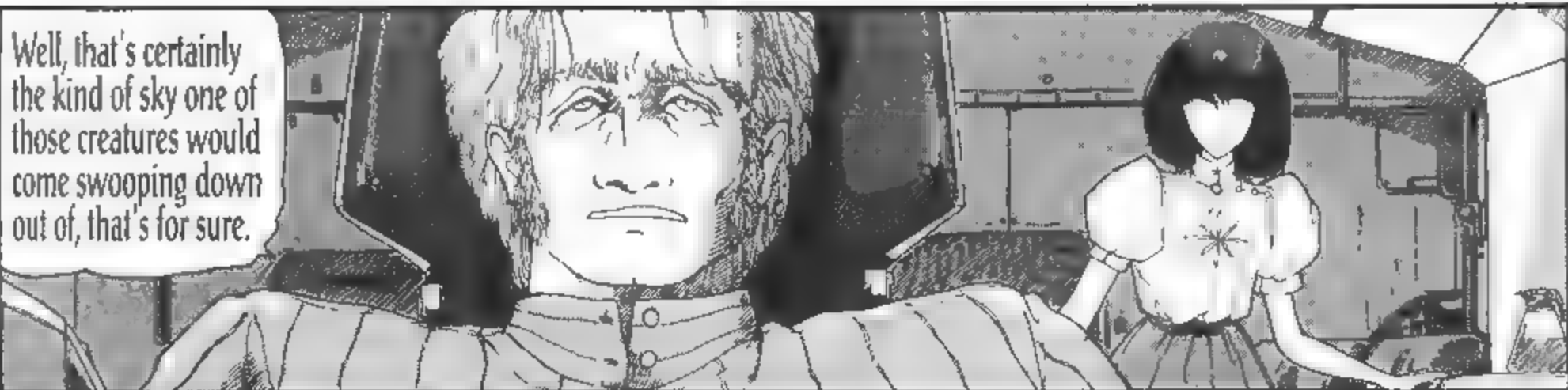
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What  
time is  
it?



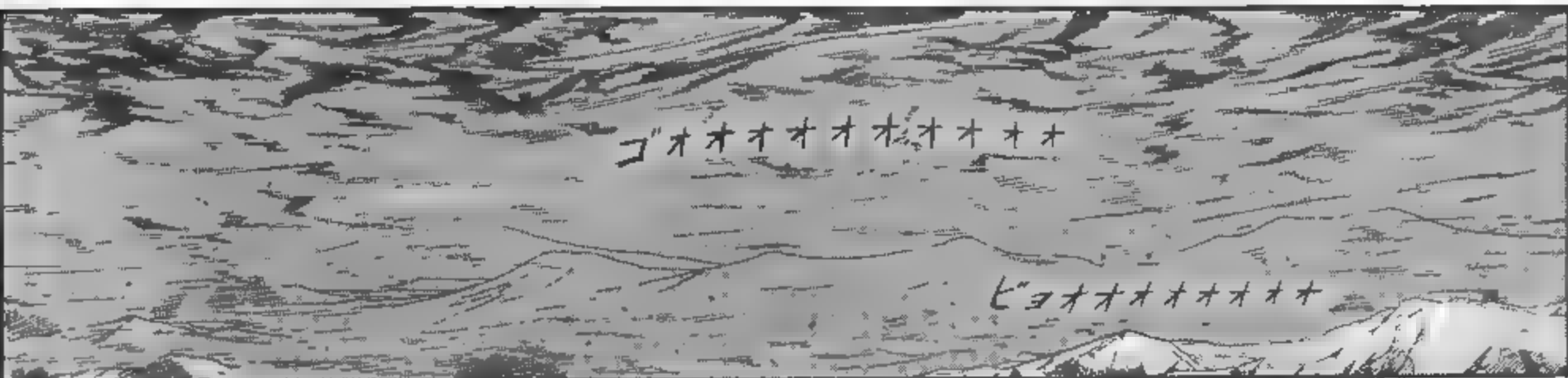


Well, that's certainly the kind of sky one of those creatures would come swooping down out of, that's for sure.



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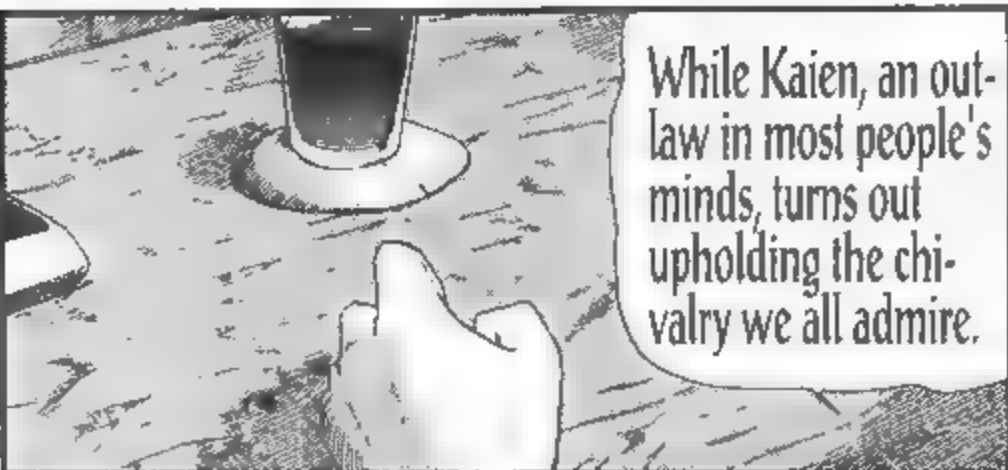


Afterwards, Sukat blamed everything on Lester and had the old Bronze Knight declared persona non grata in U-thu.



End of story.

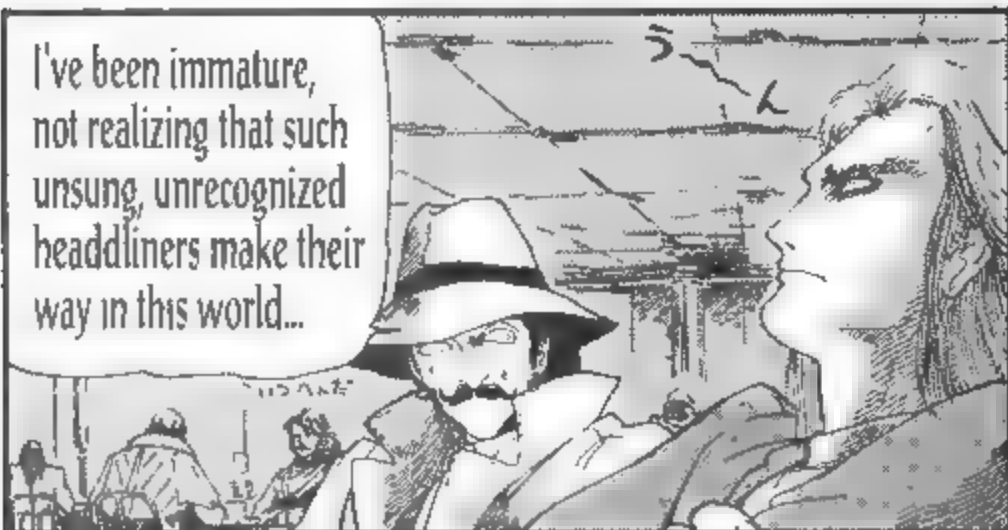
While Kaien, an outlaw in most people's minds, turns out upholding the chivalry we all admire.



Hmmm... Meiyu Sukat... what a disgrace to the knighthood.



I've been immature, not realizing that such unsung, unrecognized headliners make their way in this world...



The guy's something else!



Heard anything lately?

Our recent demolition expert?



Something the matter?

Maybe you ought to tell our impressionistic friend the story about...you know?



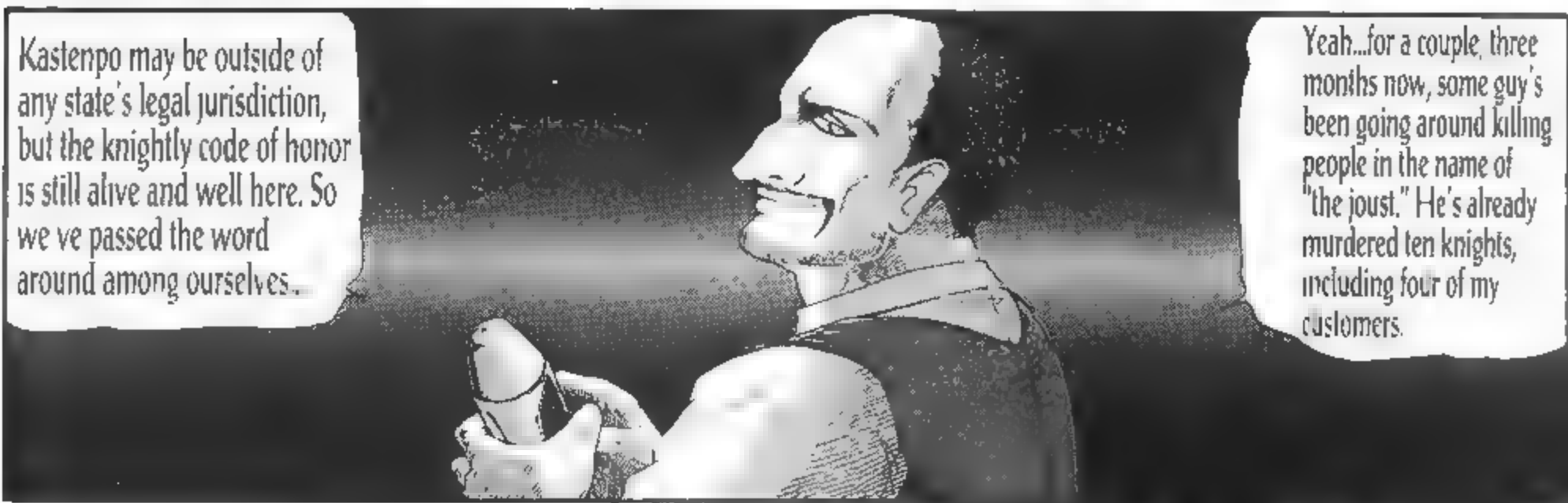
Hey...



Demolition expert?



Only that he's mixed up with some woman... nothing else.



Kastenpo may be outside of any state's legal jurisdiction, but the knightly code of honor is still alive and well here. So we've passed the word around among ourselves.

Yeah...for a couple, three months now, some guy's been going around killing people in the name of "the joust." He's already murdered ten knights, including four of my customers.

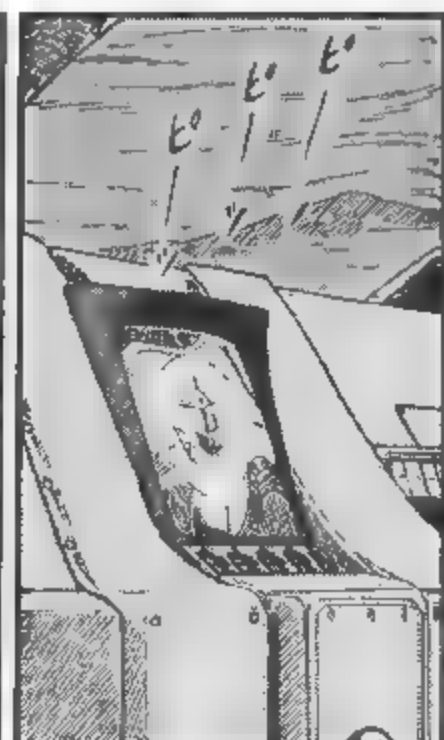


We think he's on a test run, killing and destroying to build up a database for a new line of MHs. Be careful, kid.

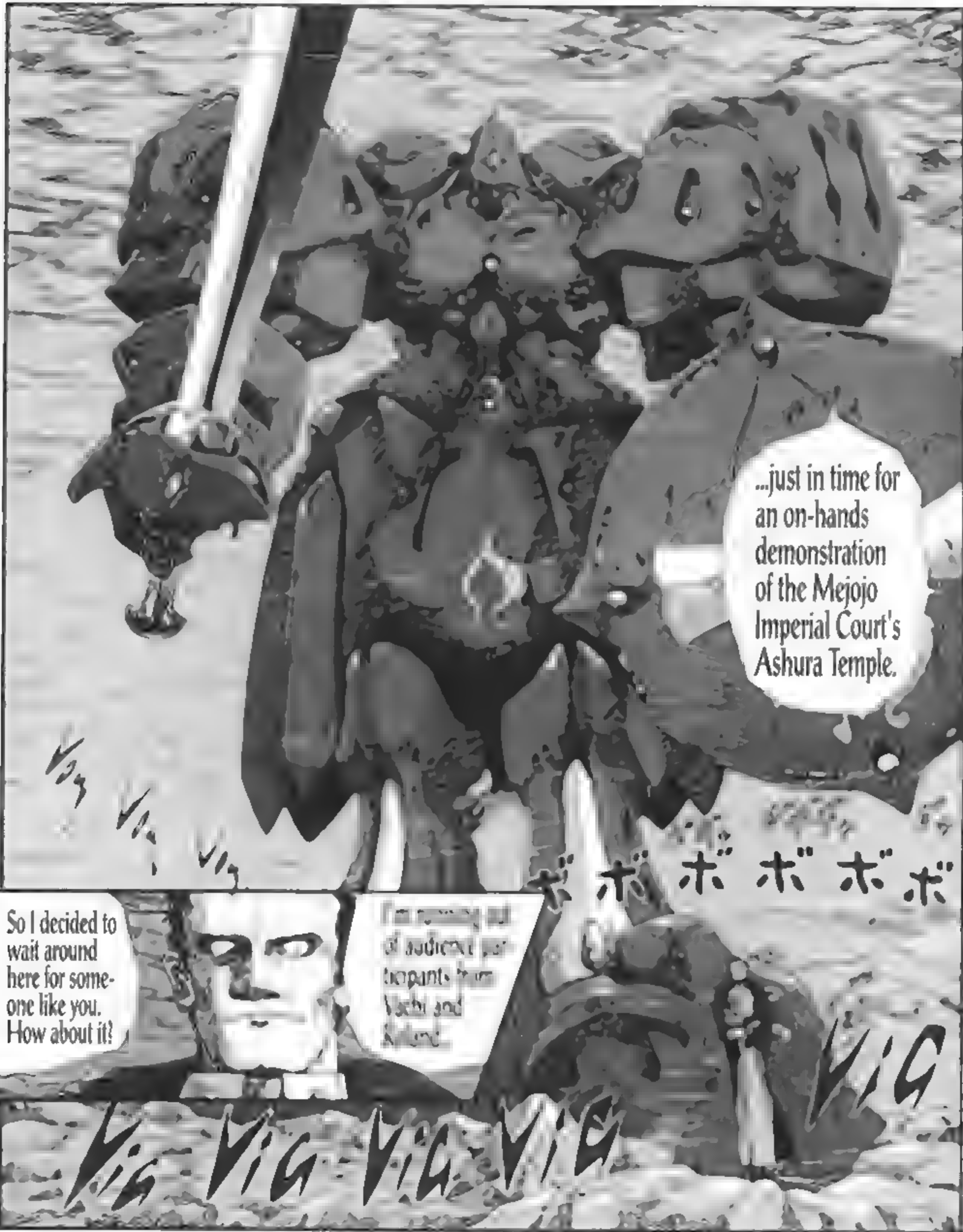
Trying to build a reputation in the joust is one thing...Smashing your opponent's mortar headd to bits and massacring him and his crew is another.



How could such a thing happen?







...just in time for  
an on-hands  
demonstration  
of the Mejojo  
Imperial Court's  
Ashura Temple.

So I decided to  
wait around  
here for some-  
one like you.  
How about it?

...just in time for  
an on-hands  
demonstration  
of the Mejojo  
Imperial Court's  
Ashura Temple.

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Do you think  
I'm crazy or  
something?

You must be the  
assassin who's been  
stalking this area.  
News gets around,  
you know.

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I'll give you  
fifteen minutes  
to prepare your  
mortar headd  
for battle.

I am Iler the  
Bishop, of the  
Mejojo  
Imperial  
Guard.

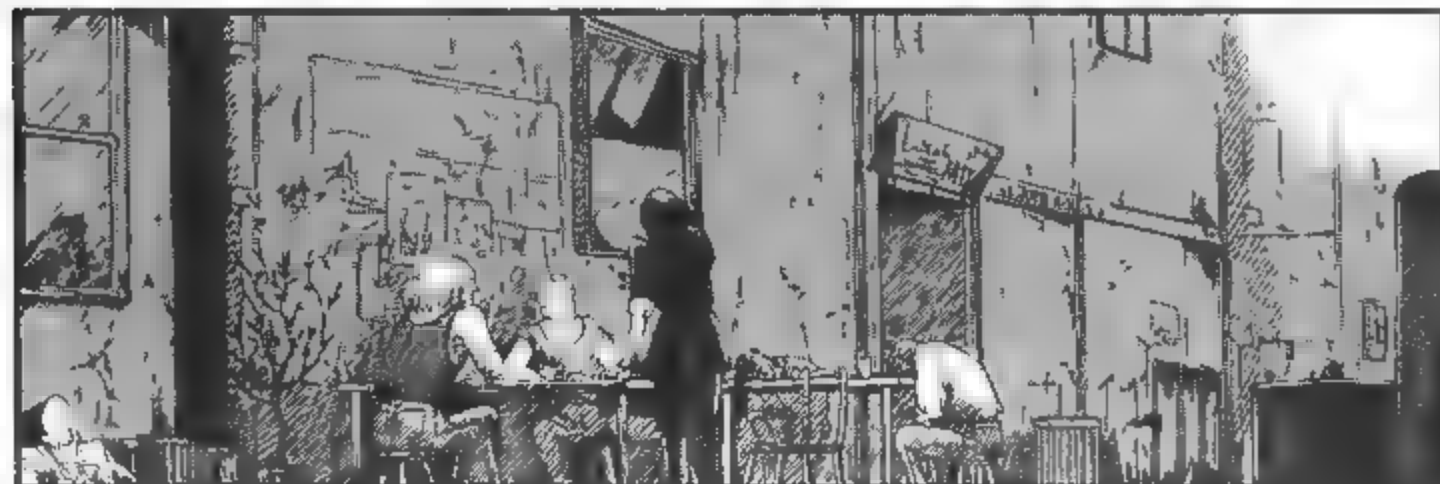
In that case, I will  
demolish your dor-  
rey and everything  
in it right here and  
now.

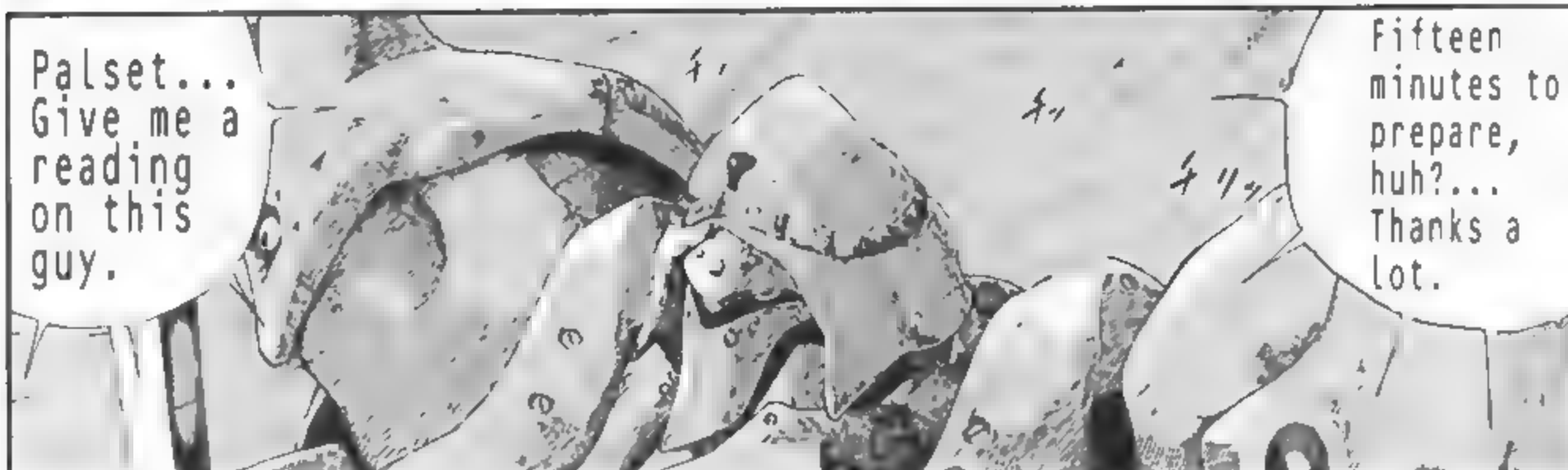
Are you  
nuts?!



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At this  
time of  
night...  
Wax Trax...





Theoretically  
an M11  
couldn't fire  
ordnance  
from such a  
position

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What bothers  
me even more  
are the bulging  
shoulders

quantity of  
not insufficient

We'll make an  
initial rush at him  
so you can gather  
more data.

He's already killed  
over ten headliners...  
so I don't think he's  
got those shoulder  
pads on for show.

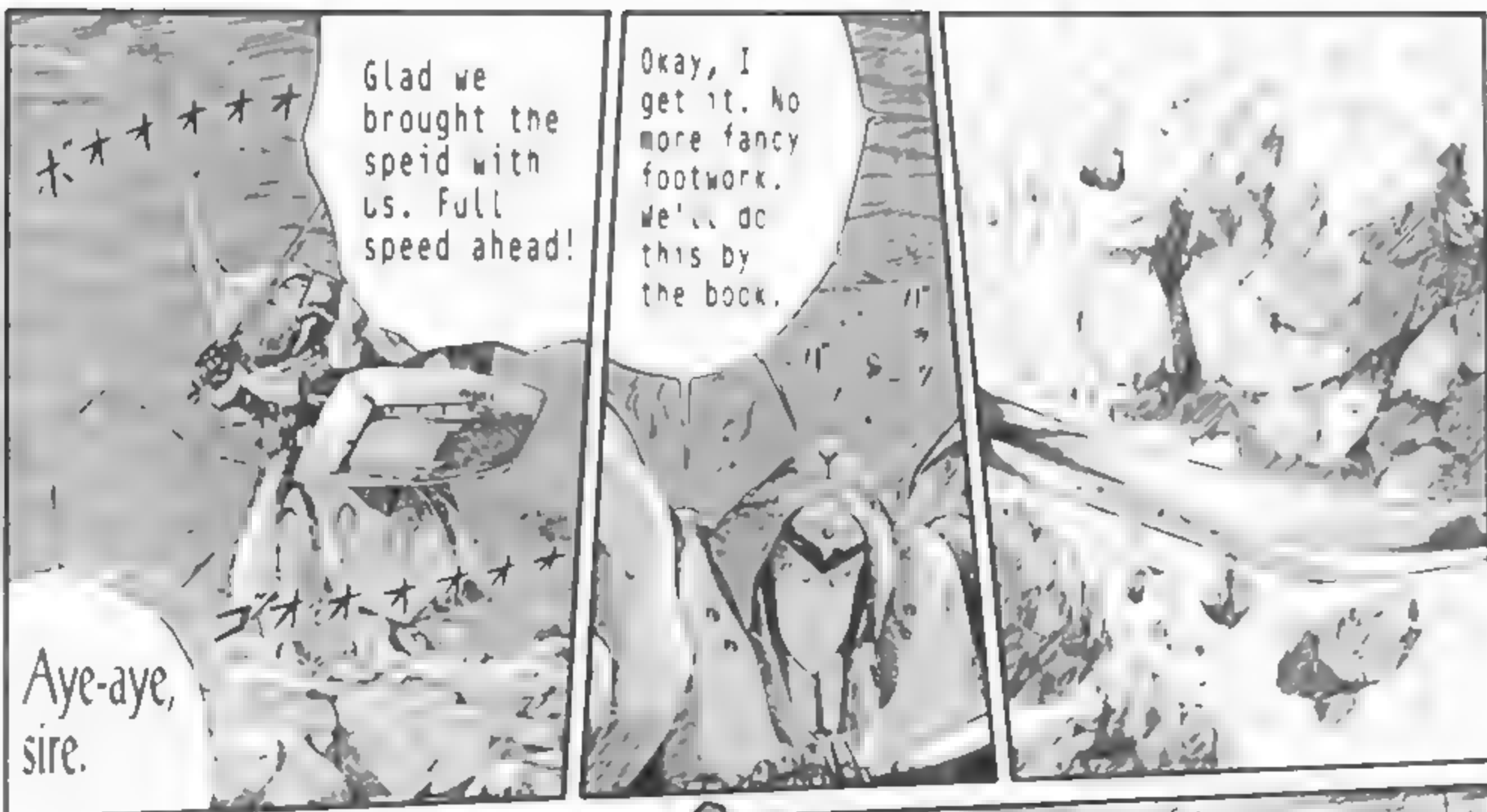
Here  
we go!

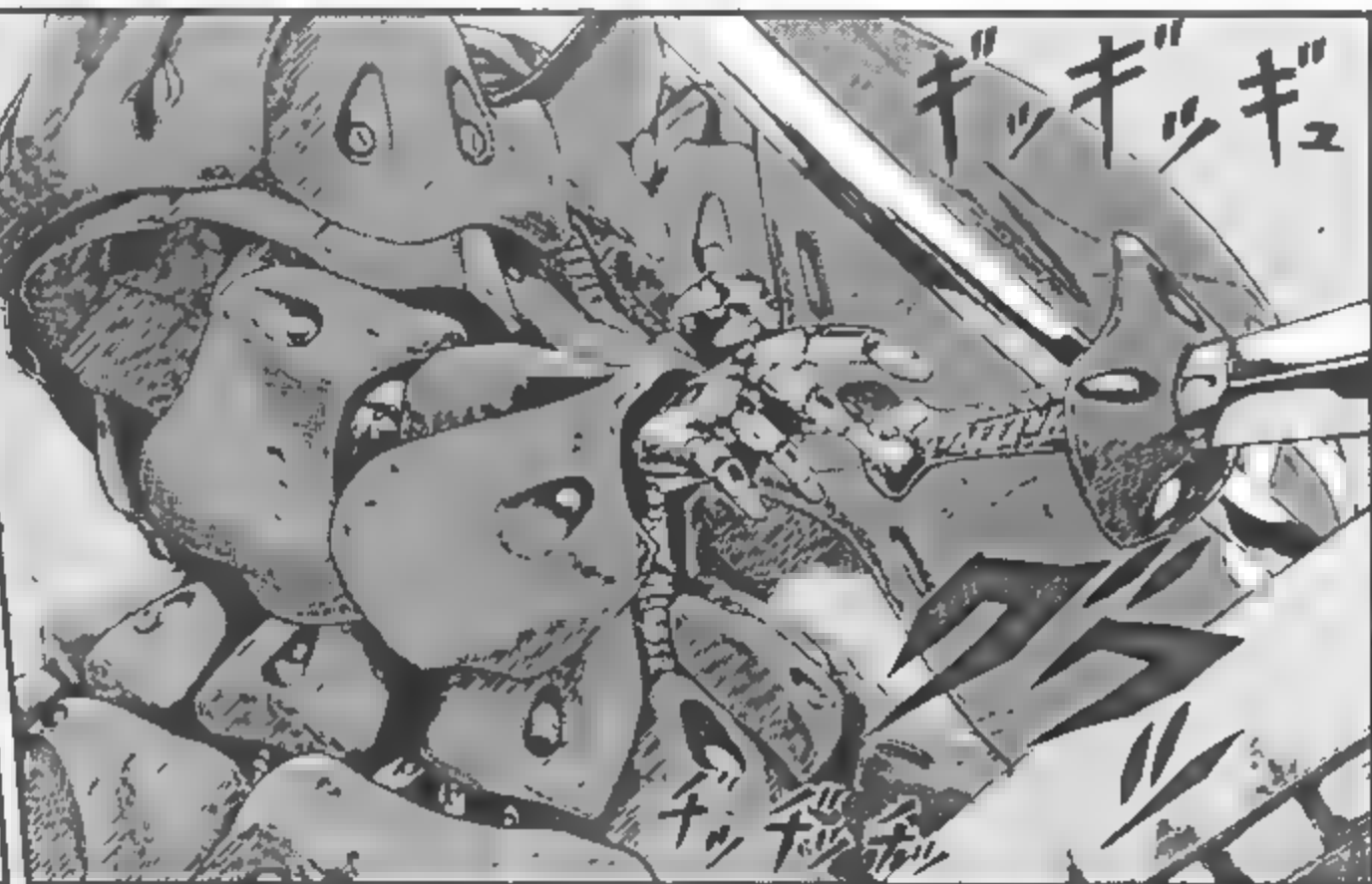
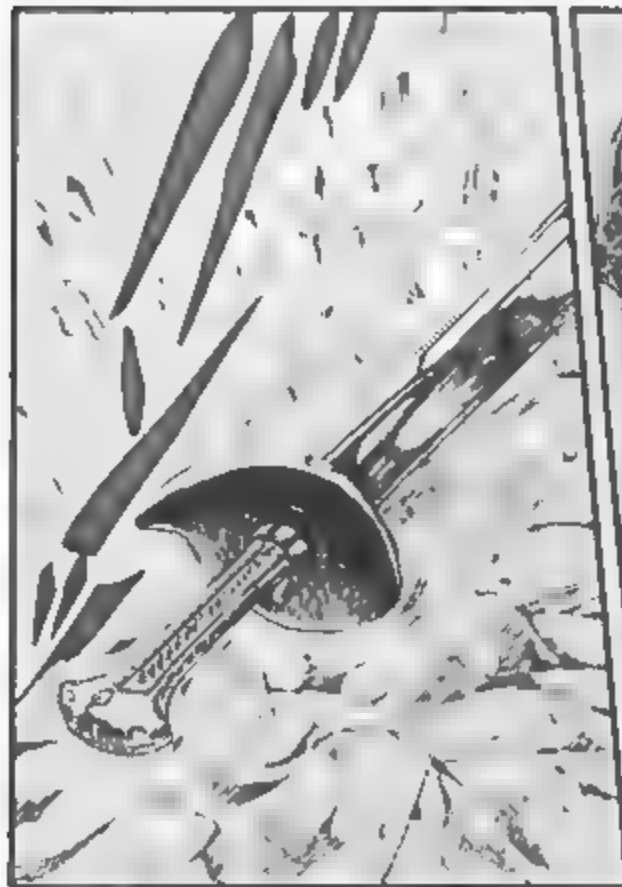




Fall back!  
What speed!







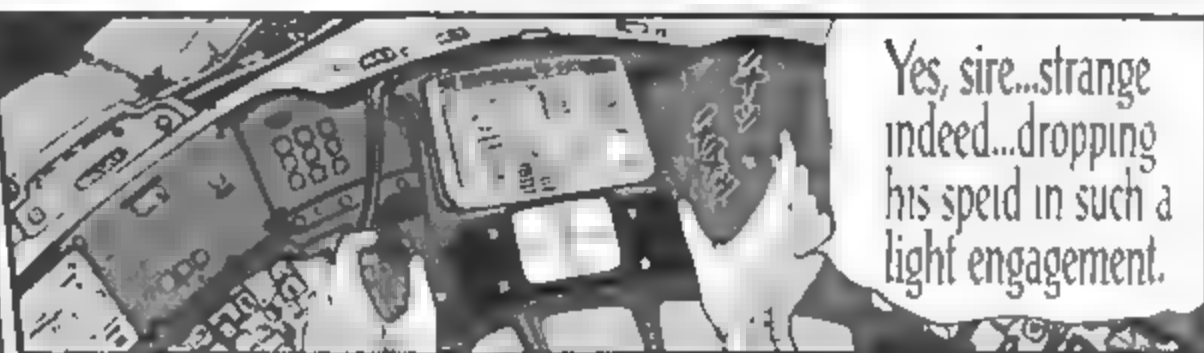
What  
the...?!



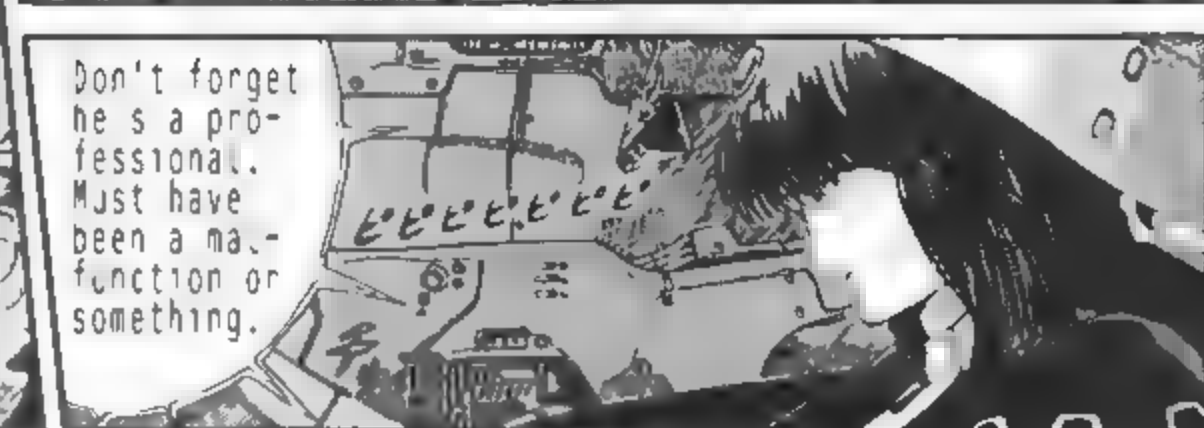
T-mine weapons...  
what's he thinking?  
He could have gotten  
back into position  
without using them.



Power supply to  
the right hand  
must not be  
function properly.  
What should we do?



Yes, sire...strange  
indeed...dropping  
his speed in such a  
light engagement.



Don't forget  
he's a professional.  
Must have been a  
malfunction or  
something.





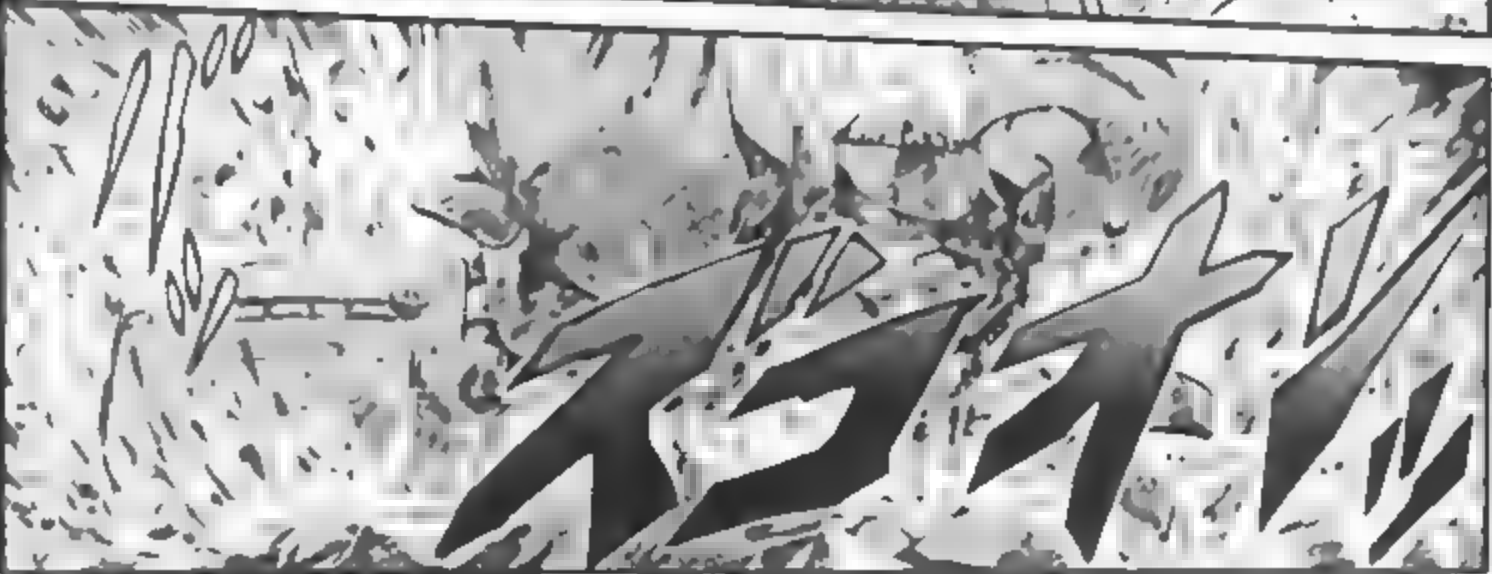


Shit! My  
shoulder...!

Ulp!



Hah-hah-hah!  
Can't move  
your arms, heh!





Palset!  
Make a  
run for it!



Master!

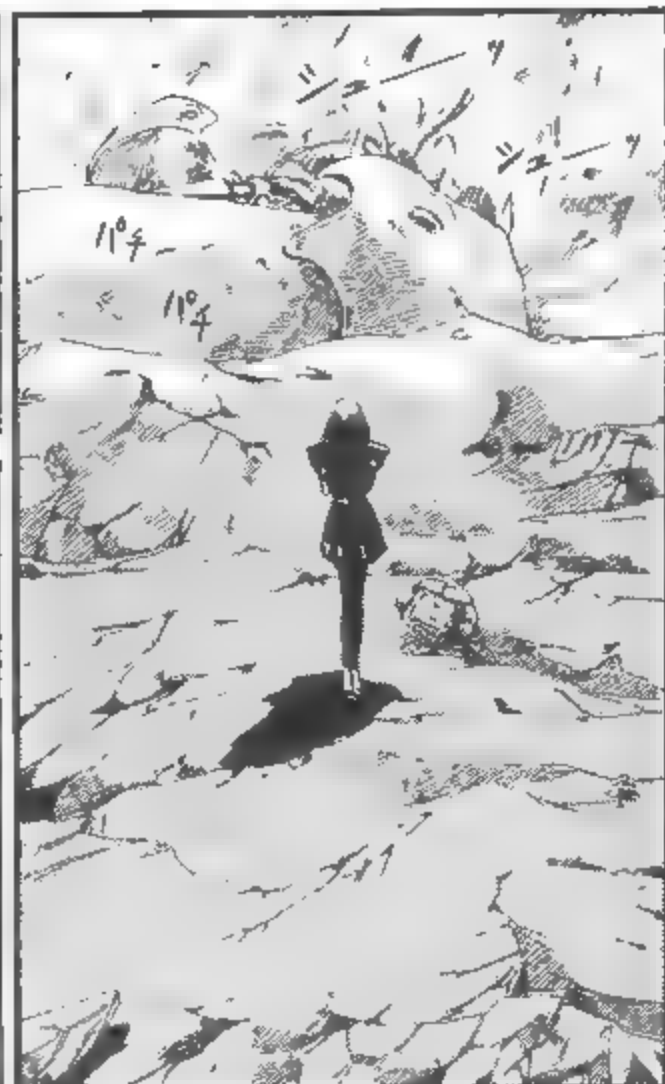
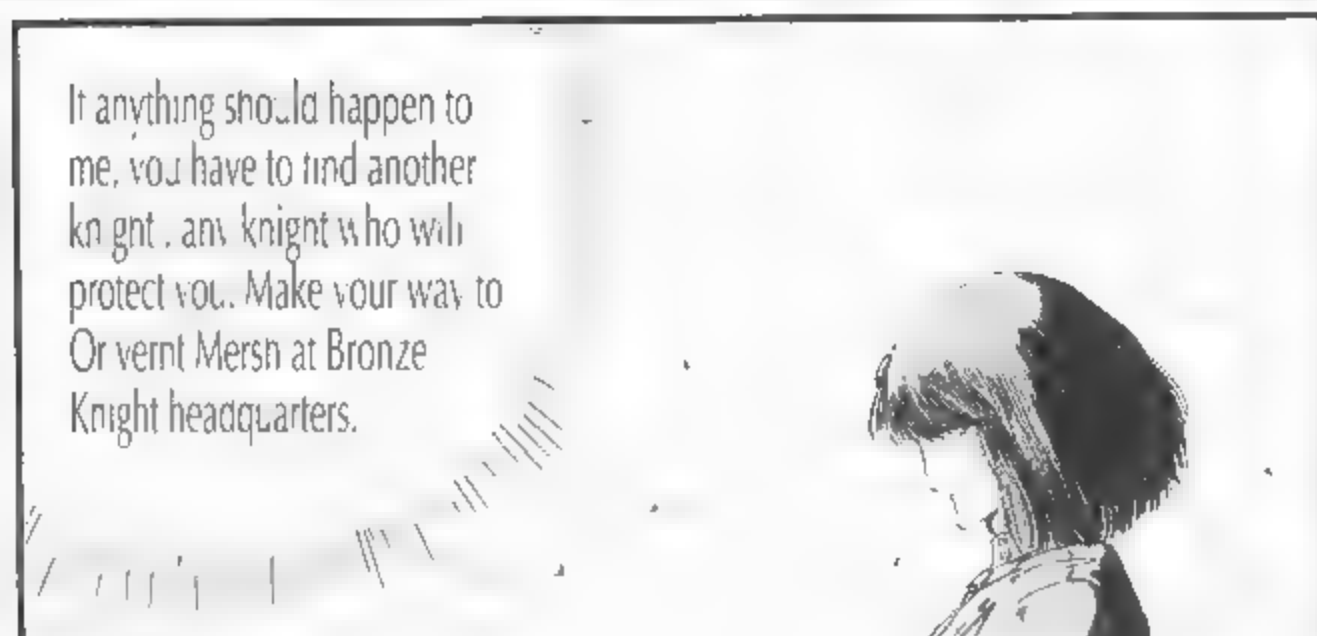
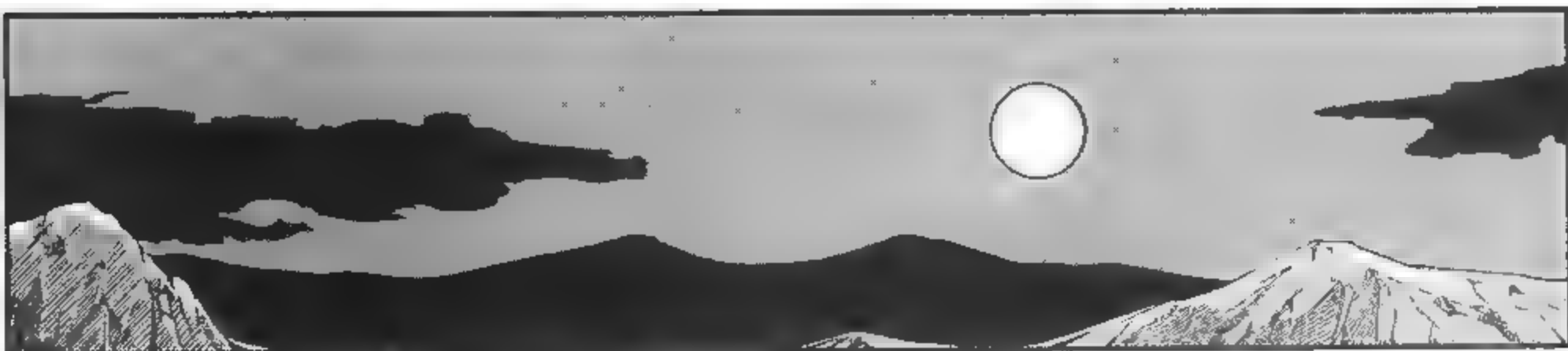


What's hap-  
pening here!!

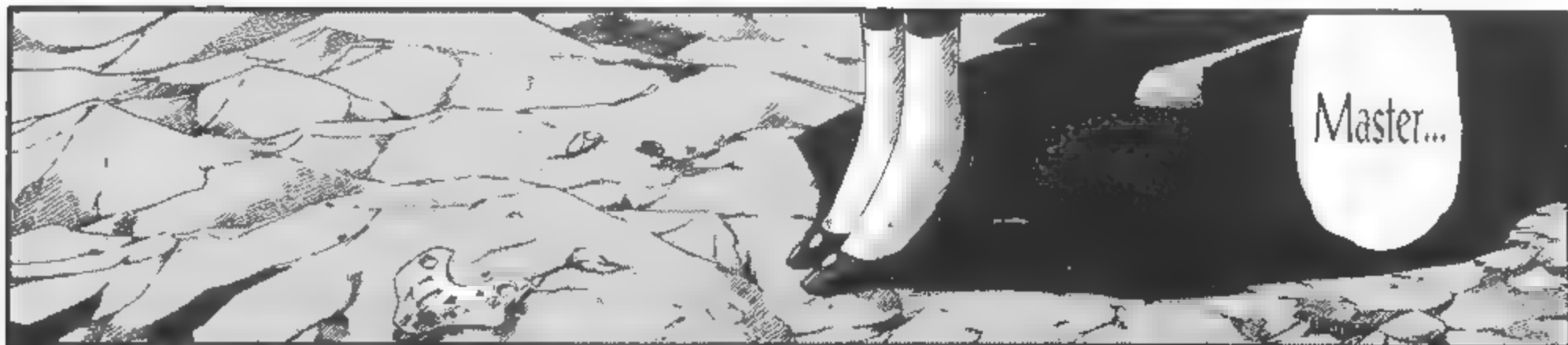
Master!!



Whee-hah!  
That was  
the best  
yet!







Master...



You never  
got my  
name right  
even once...

After  
all these  
years...



It's like that  
chick said.  
Heh-heh-heh.

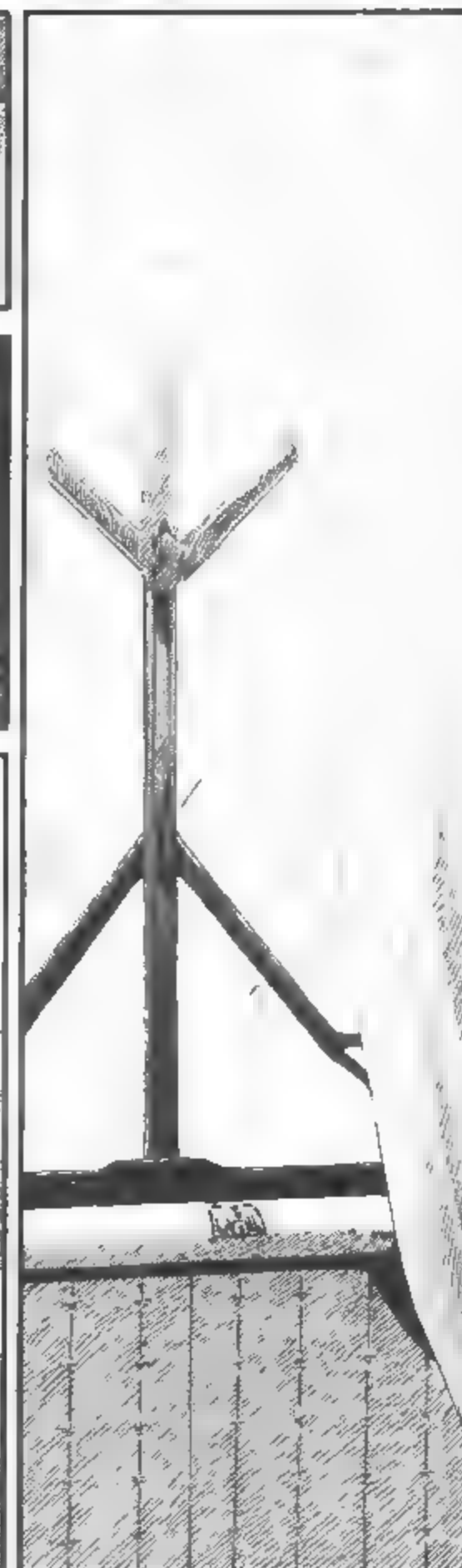
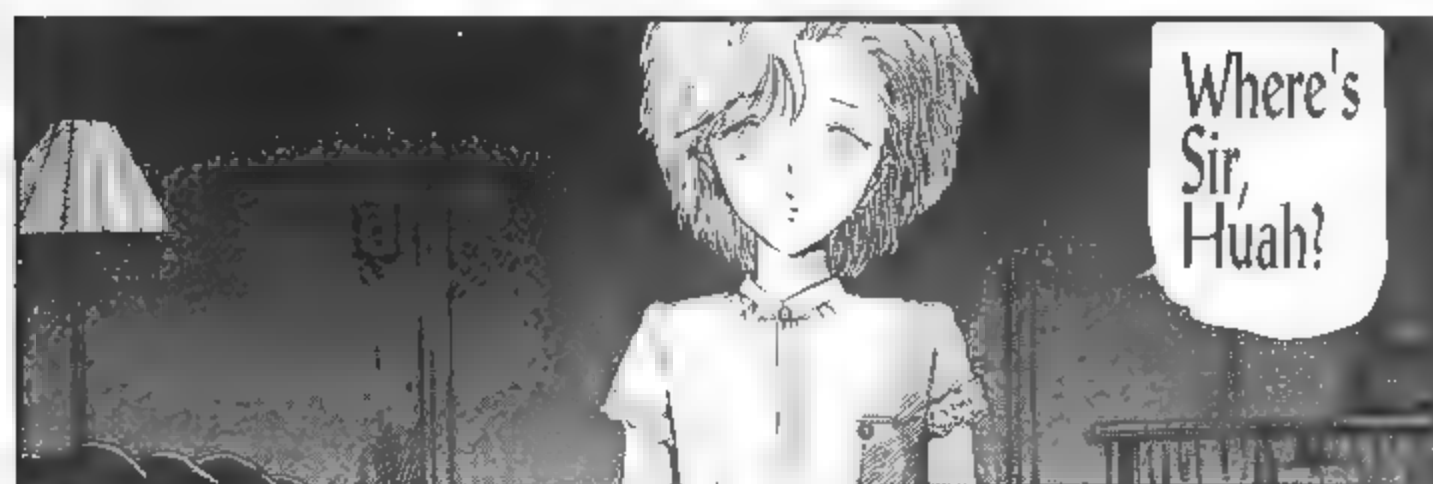
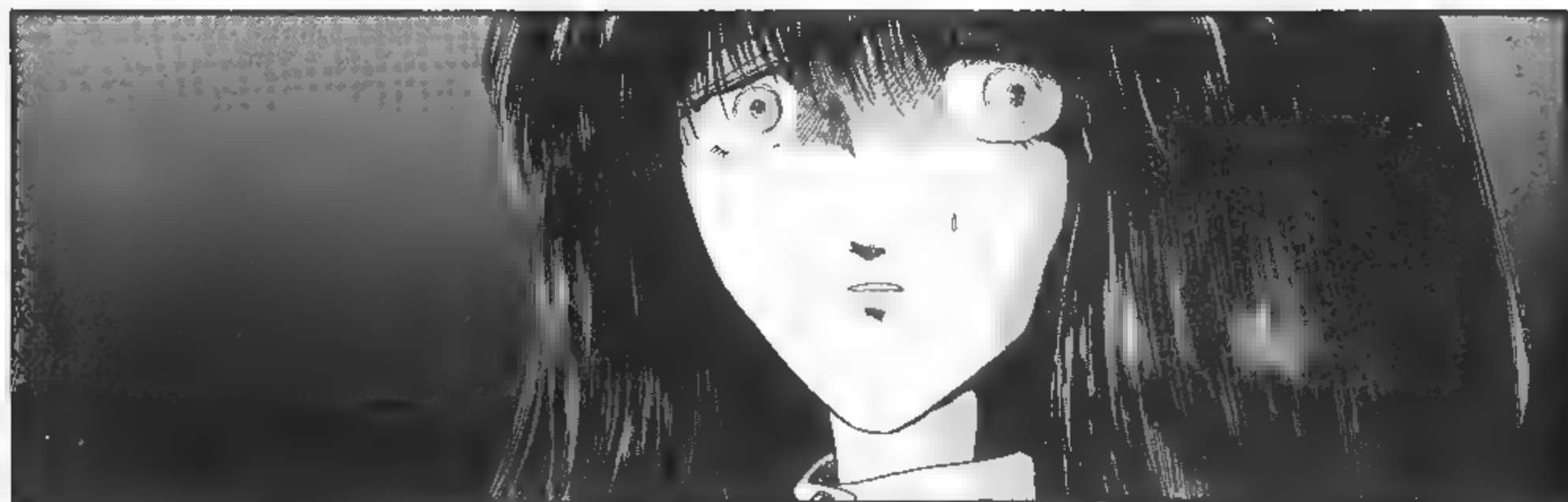
Mmmm-  
mmmmh.



That's some  
article to find just  
lying around for  
the taking.

Mmmm-  
mmmmh.







Oh well...let's go get something to eat together, okay.



I know a great restaurant...Then afterwards we can go shopping.



I really got off on it...thrill of a lifetime.

Like f---ing a machine.



Wow! Pullin' something like that off...we'd be rich, man.

We should've brought it back with us and sold it.

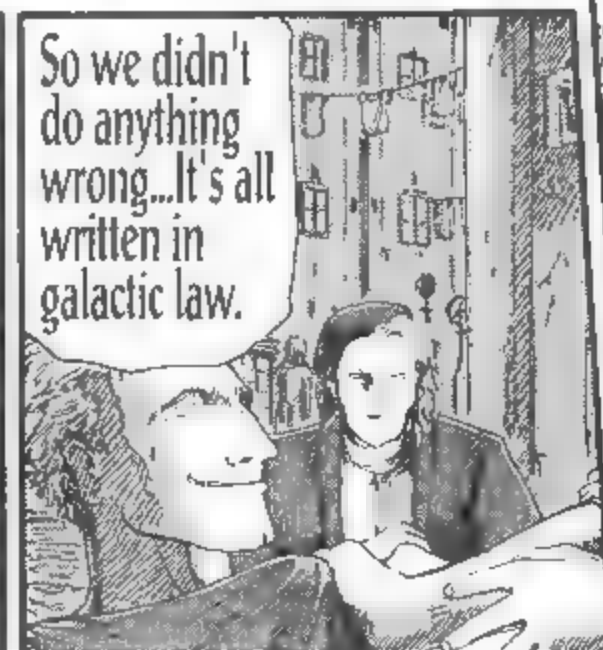
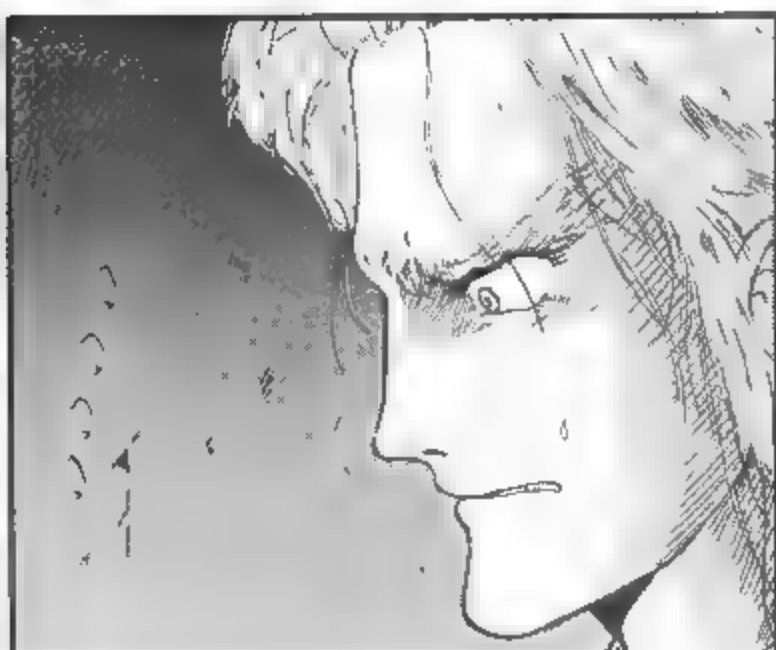
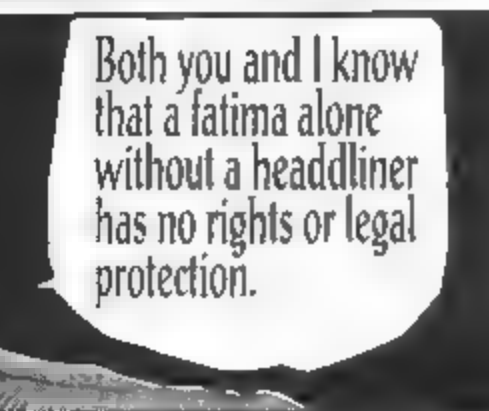
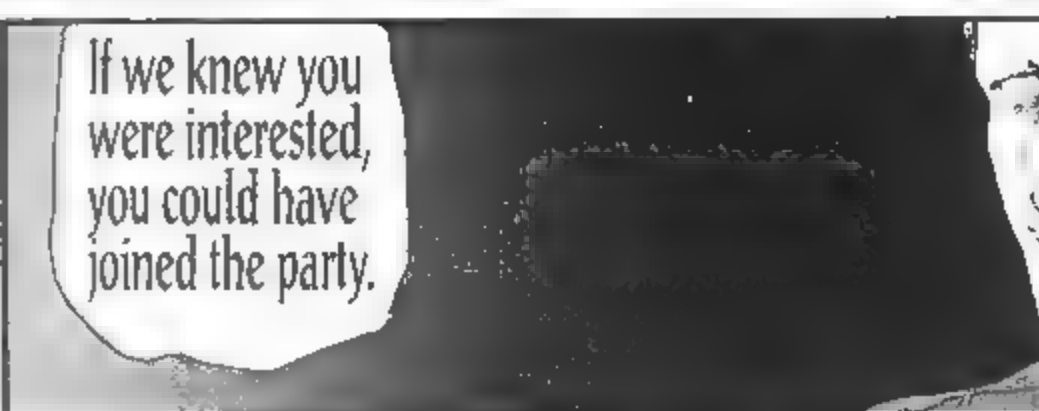


Like having a talking Dutch wife, guaranteed unbreakable for life.



Like I expected, that "doll" last night was lousy.









Come on, fellas...break it up. You're spoiling my day.

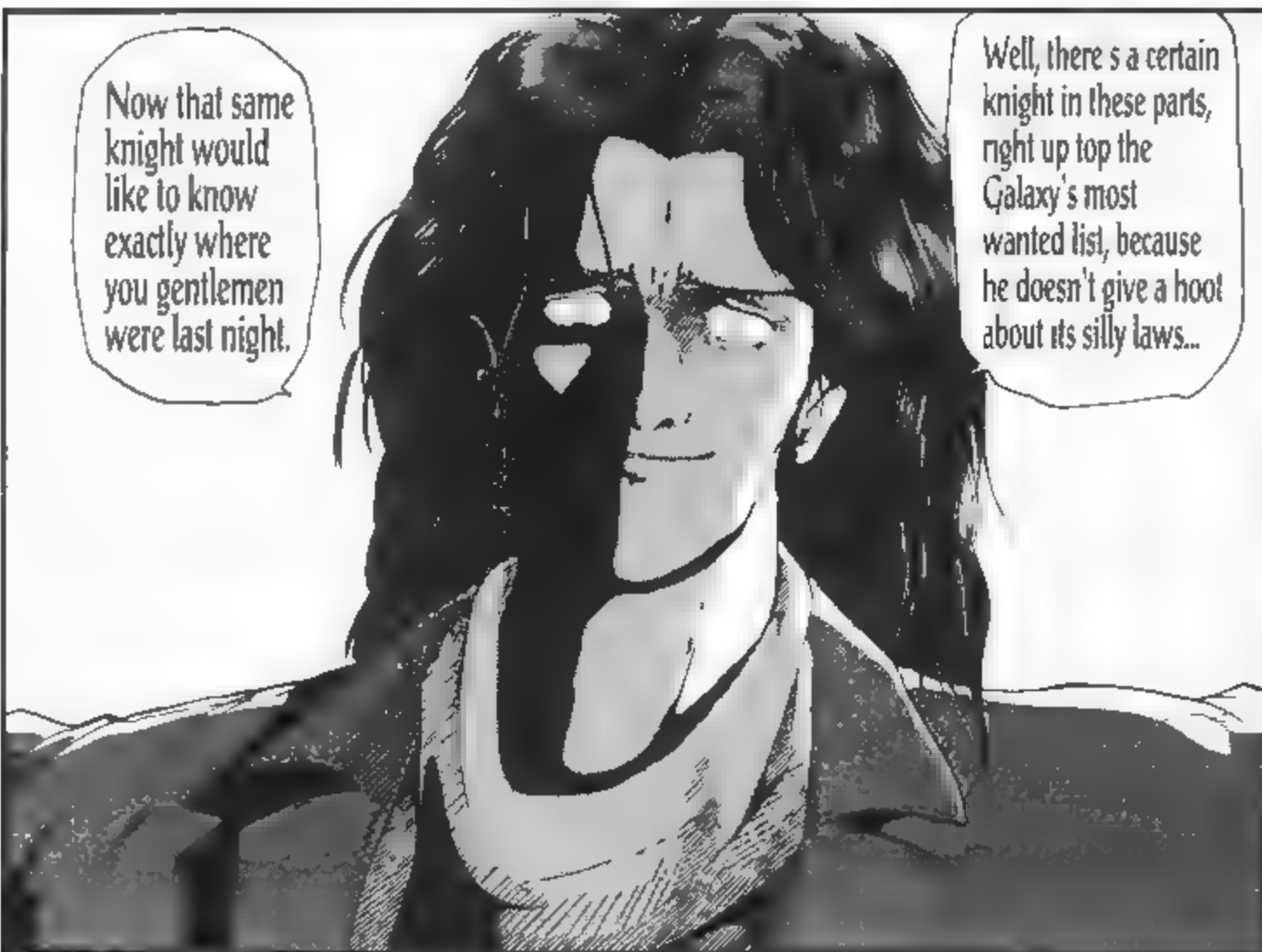


...using such tactics.

All you'll succeed in is damaging your reputation...



Hey, you're one of the rich guys in town, right? What's with the spare change?



Now that same knight would like to know exactly where you gentlemen were last night.

Well, there's a certain knight in these parts, right up top the Galaxy's most wanted list, because he doesn't give a hoot about its silly laws...



When I came in you were discussing some points of galactic law...



Not a thing.  
Do you recognize  
this MH?

Anything  
over there?

That son-of-  
a-bitch...he  
demolished  
everything,  
even the  
dorrey.



The cockpit's  
empty...Let's  
take a look in  
the fatima  
compartment.

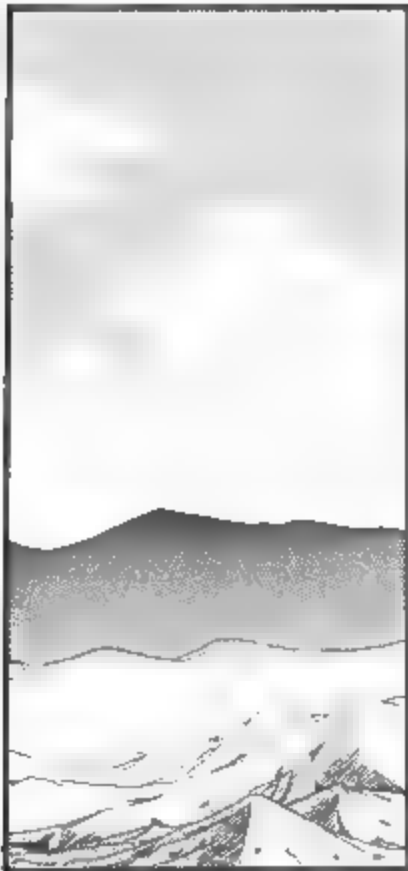
All I can  
say is  
that it's a  
Devoncha...  
#3 series.



Oh  
no!



According to  
the data  
stored in this  
terminal...



Nooo...  
not  
Lester...



...fatima,  
Palsuet.



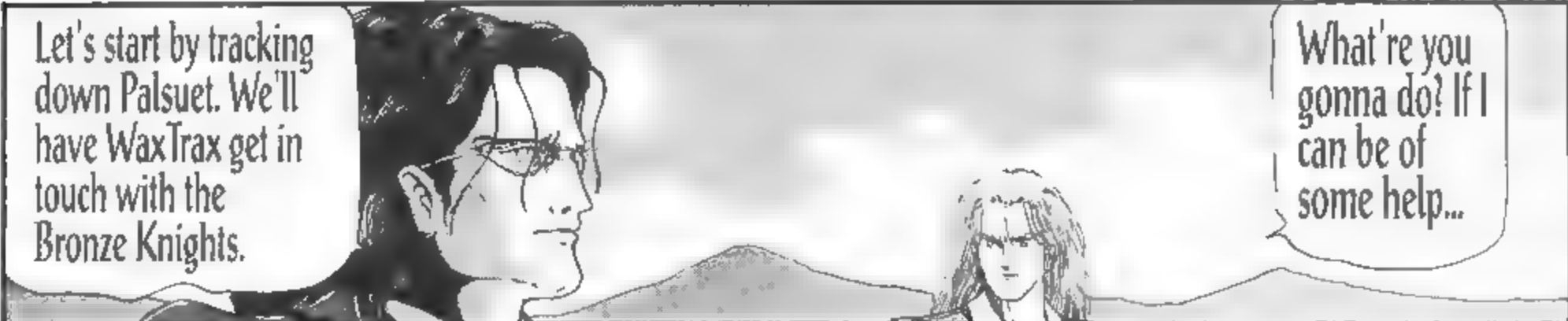
It's Pluto,  
Michael  
Lester's craft...

Hmmm...



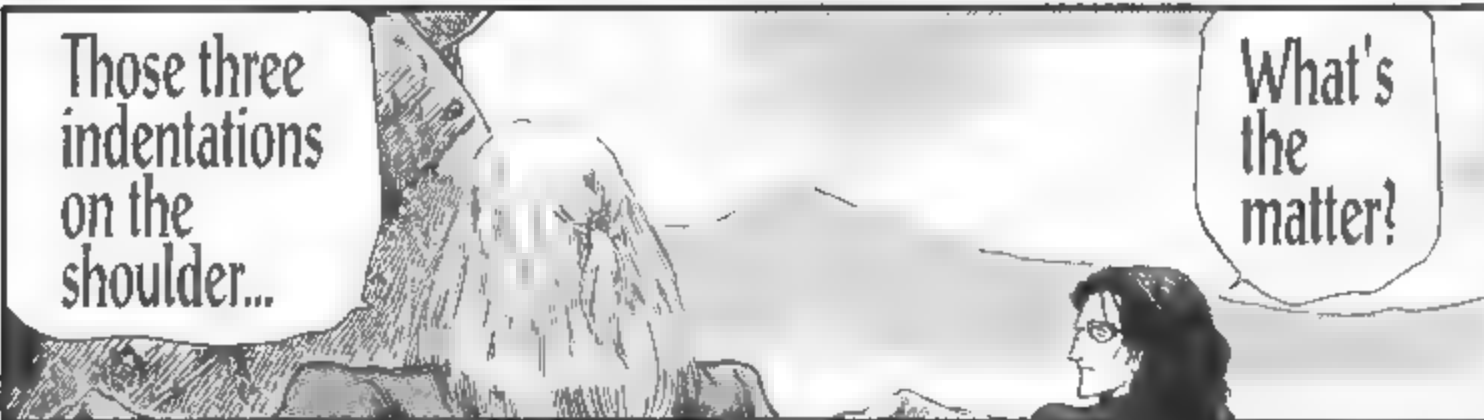
He's the  
headdliner  
they ran out  
of U-Thu.

Let's start by tracking  
down Palsuet. We'll  
have WaxTrax get in  
touch with the  
Bronze Knights.



What're you  
gonna do? If I  
can be of  
some help...

Those three  
indentations  
on the  
shoulder...



What's  
the  
matter?



?

Strange...



...are  
similar to  
the one's I  
saw on  
the Izhat...

It's reassuring to know another top headliner's in town.



He's got an ugly puss, but a trustworthy heart...

If you uncover anything else, tell WaxTrax about it, will ya?



...could kick this maniac's ass?



Do you think you and your partner...

?

There's something more important than the price on my head that needs tending to.



I'm leaving town for a while...

AUXO...



It's been three months...



just as I was about to do some home cooking.

Maybe  
they  
skipped  
town...

Meeth's  
not even  
around...

Where  
is every-  
body?

That's  
right...

Oh  
yeah!

Broiled  
pheasant  
a la  
Ting...

You can hear  
all kinds of  
sounds rising  
up from the  
streets.

Just listen-  
ing...

What are  
you doing  
up here?

Hey  
Ting!

The reason I serve  
under Emperor  
Amaterasu has  
nothing to do  
with obligation or  
enlightenment...

How's your  
Mirage  
work going?

No, just  
you, Ting.

I still don't  
think you  
understand my  
position in that  
respect, Suyene.

You're a  
Mirage  
Knight,  
aren't you?

.....

Without mortal fear of his very existence, do you think someone like me would be serving under a moron like that?

I has more to do with fear.

I kill them... very slowly... like what I did to my brother.

Do you know what I do with people who try to lecture me?

Is that why you're sitting here frying innocent birds?

I enjoy playing around with my victims before they die...It's my favorite pastime of all.

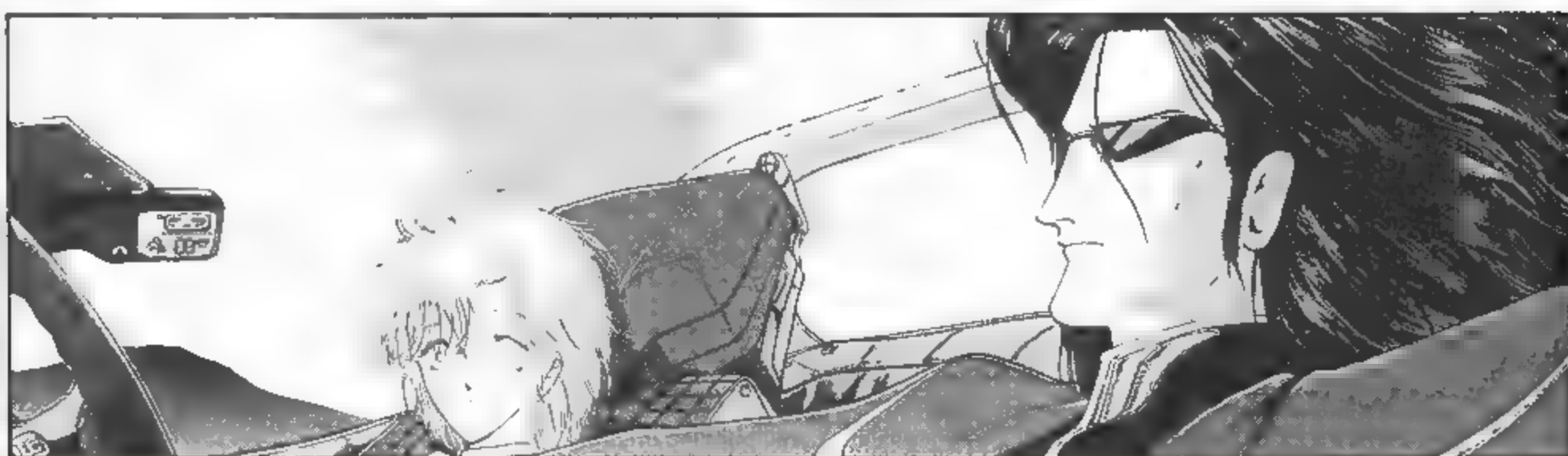
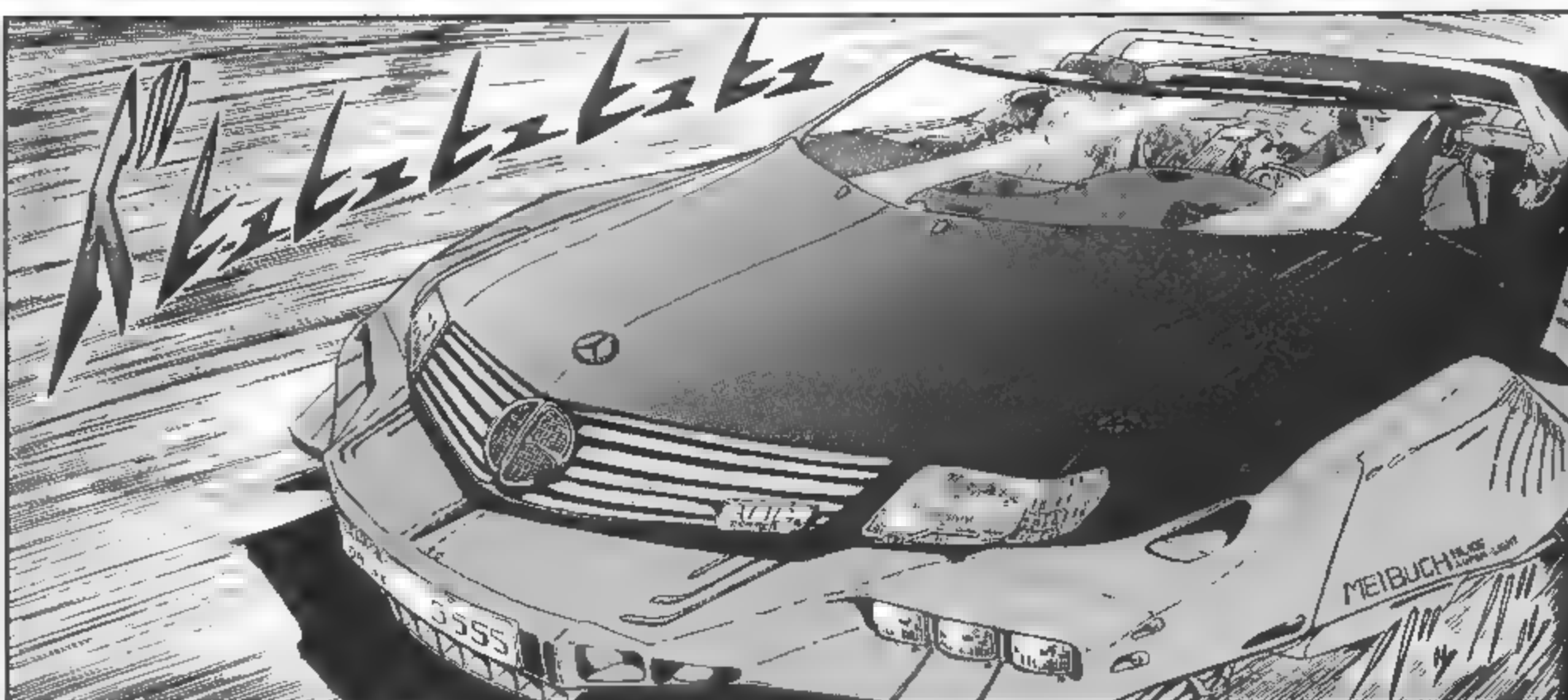
They even revoked your citizenship because of me.

You're such a fool, Suyene! ...Staying with me after I lost the throne.

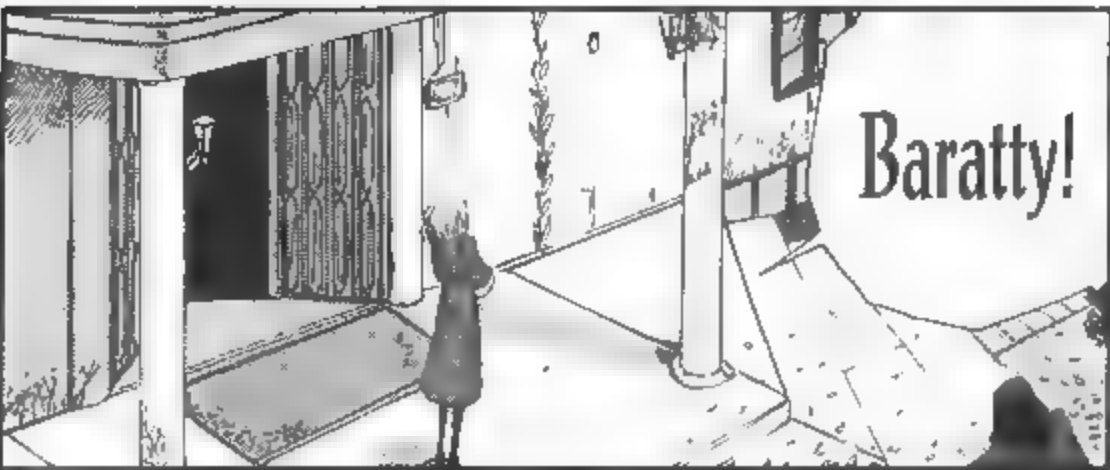
S...so...why haven't you killed me yet?

What's the use of killing something that shows no fear?

Because you're the only person who is not afraid of me.







I'm sorry to have to remind you that her memory will not recover.



Back from the dead...



Everything went smoothly, as planned.



The resurrection has been completed.



It's going to be painful, Kaien.



Do you still want to see her...



What the hell...





...Dougulus  
Kaien no  
longer  
exists...

...And back  
in there  
behind this  
forehead...



Good-bye,  
my beloved  
Auxo...

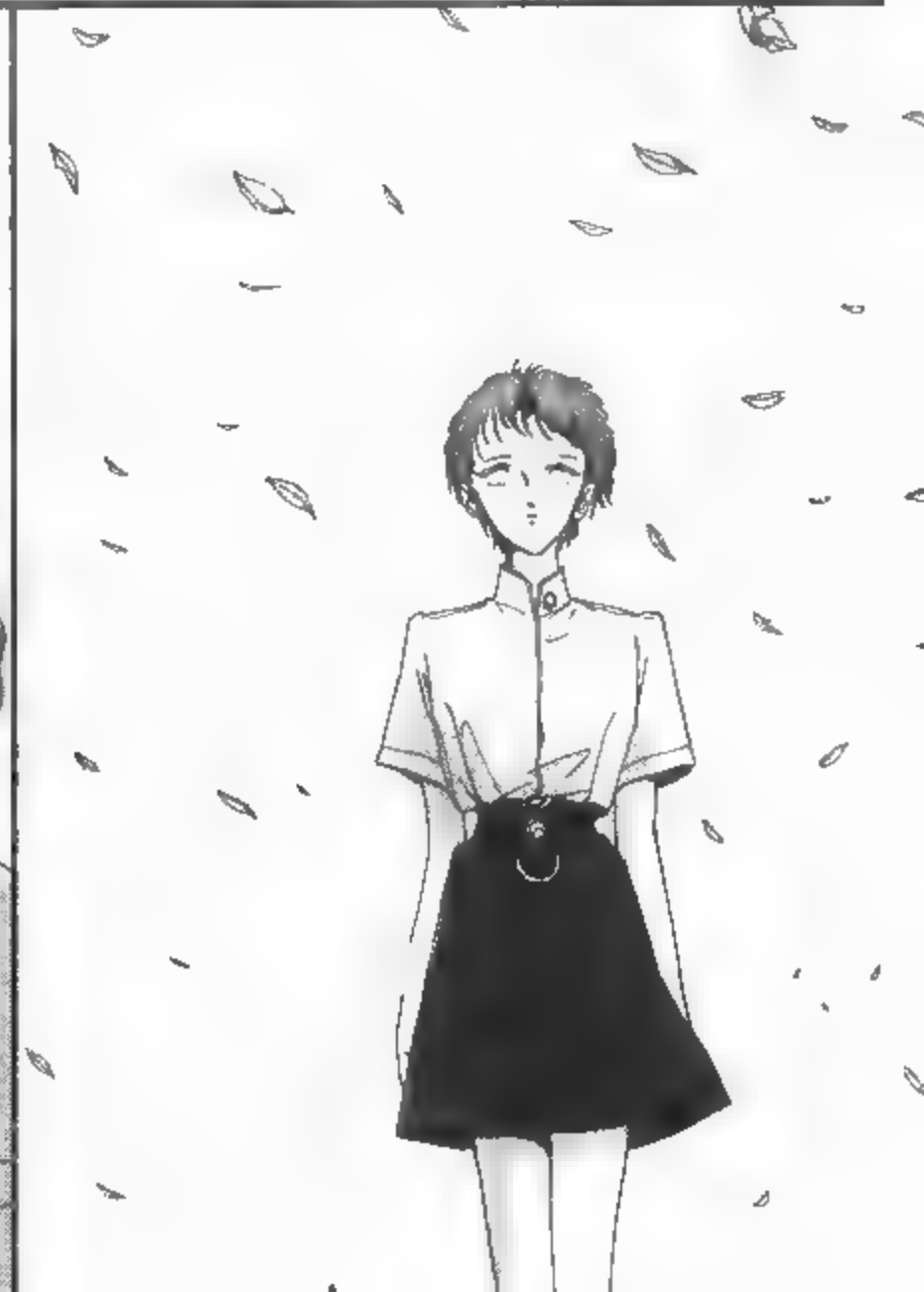
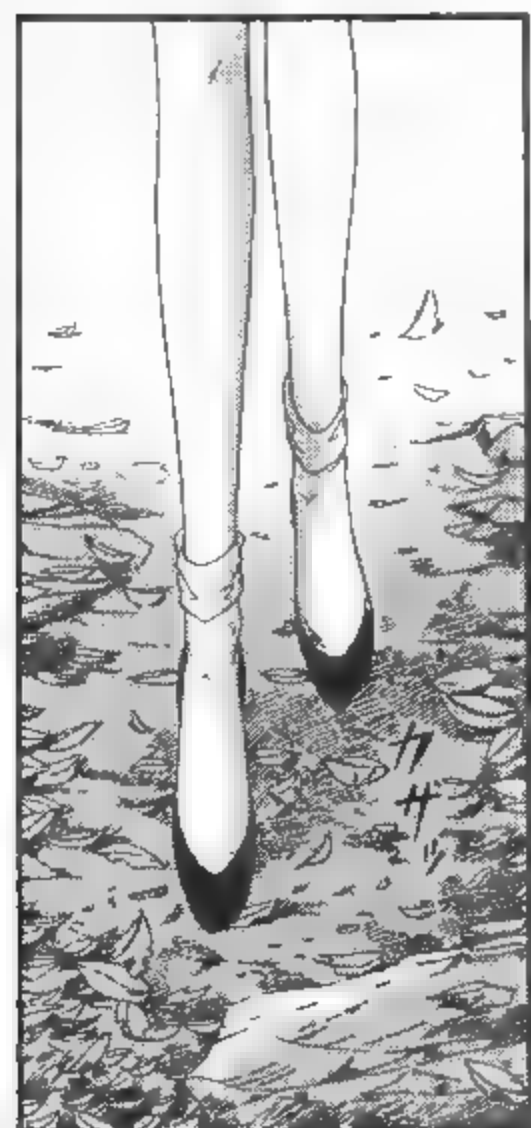
All for the  
best...may God and  
the Light protect  
and keep you and  
your new master...



Kaien!







Descended...

...a plasma  
king...

From a  
crimson-line  
sun!...

...high up  
in a deep  
blue sky...

A god-  
like figure  
shimmering  
in...





Master!  
Is that  
you....





There was no trace of memory... nothing could have remained...

Impossible... It can't be...

What am I babbling about?

Only a real woman can get a man to bow down before her and cry on her bosom...

He's crying...

Huh?

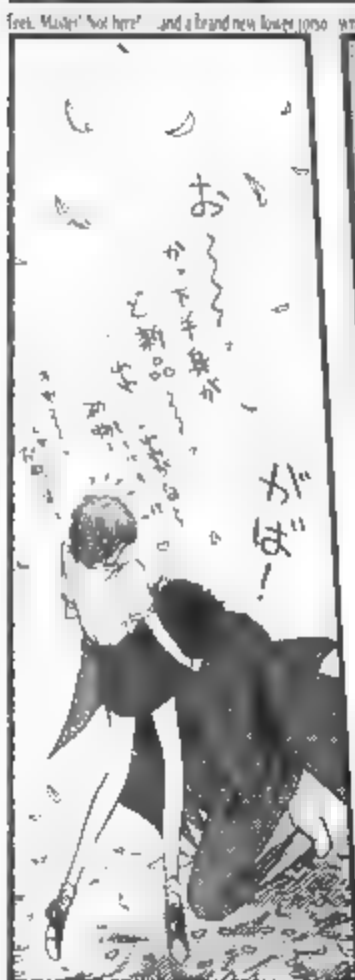
And let me tell you something, young lady! Even I couldn't do it.

Don't tell me Ballanche installs memory backups in his fatimas!

...in getting a stiff neck just thinking about it.

Maybe they  
have more than  
one information  
processing  
organ!

That's  
ridiculous!



To be continued....

ええう!!

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04>  
コネキ  
日  
地盤  
かける。と  
とほり出す。(笑)  
朝ぼろい)

入下「あつたつ  
めい、めい  
かさ」  
おの娘(笑)

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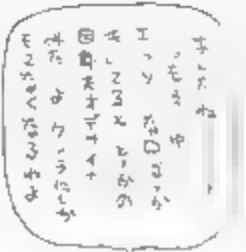
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 ・すえぞう、(素子)  
 全長 95cm 25kg  
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 白  
 出た 0412馬場下  
 速度 7km/h (全衝時)  
 焼酎 ケン 42.90度  
 コー 1kg 日  
 まんじはさの 野菜  
 特殊攻撃 X-マフをかける。  
 戦装、与化 15 X 9.2 (10度) (美)  
 (3.5 x 30cm (4度) (5))  
 飛行 3.5 x 1.1  
 言語 3.5 x 1.1, 3.5 x 1.1, 3.5 x 1.1  
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 宝物 3.5 x 1.1 (4度) (5)  
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 解部 1.5 x 1.1 (4度) (5)  
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| JC 3230      | Amaterasu requests the countries of Kallamity Gooders to join the AKD, but following the lead of the Fillmore Empire, which boasts the planet's longest and most illustrious history, they ignore the request.  | Grand Sydmian is killed by a Mirage Knight while trying to escape. Amaterasu establishes the Union of Galactic Kingdoms. Atropos teams up with Mirage Knight headliner Upandla Raymu.  | Amaterasu returns to Colus VI the sword he received from Colus III, signifying Colus VI as the true heir to the Colus dynasty. The citizens of Delta Belun leave the planet along with the Mirage Knights in The Will, in search of Lachesis. The "god of light" has failed them.   |
| JC 3234      | Amaterasu launches a military invasion of Kallamity Gooders, but is met with strong resistance by a unified defense force that has thoroughly studied his military strategy and tactical procedures.  | JC 3907 Amaterasu entrusts all of his authority to his cat's paw, Upandla Raymu, a fatima created by Dr. Ballanche, and retires into seclusion. At the same time, F.A. Rogner and the other Mirage Knights are cloistered and sealed.  | JC 4101 Colus VI liberates the Galaxy.  |
| JC 3238      | The Mirage Knights join the invasion of Kallamity Gooders as the war bogs down.   | JC 3968 Empress Runka, a remnant of the Colus Dynasty's Meister family, gives birth to Daizina, then dies at the hand of Amaterasu. Daizina disappears.  | JC 4103 Colus VI marries Daizina.   |
| JC 3239      | Slant approaches Kallamity, which experiences violent upheavals in the planet's crust and chaotic magnetic fluctuations. Rescue and emigration from Kallamity is stepped up. Amaterasu boards the Knight of Gold and leads the entire Mirage Knight corps in an all out attack on the Fillmore Empire. It is the last action anyone will take on this planet doomed to destruction by the approach of Slant. During the attack, KOC stalls on a shoal while crossing Lake Nabidou, and just before Kallamity explodes, Amaterasu is ejected to safety, leaving the MI I and Lachesis stranded on the Lake. In order to lessen the shock from the impending volcanic explosion, KOC uses the buster launcher to dig a 5000 kilometer crater in the planet's crust and drops a shock resistant gelatin bomb into the Lake. However, nothing can save Lachesis from the explosion, as she and KOC are blown somewhere out on the dimensional edge. | JC 3998 Amaterasu becomes deeply concerned over his aging fatimas and puts them to sleep. Galaxy MI-Is continue to switch over to the non-humanoid Etoramuru fatimas, and humanoid fatimas rarely appear in public. The headliner population is also decreasing. In a galaxy controlled by a single, oppressive ruler, Upandla, the number of mortar heads is also on the decrease, becoming superannuated and decrepit. This year marks the beginning of Upandla's reign of terror. | JC 4255 Colus VI passes away at the age of 295.   |
| JC 3330      | The Battle of Kallamity is spectacularly concluded, and survivors from the defeated Kallamity forces move to the Planet of Graves, where they commence anti-Amaterasu resistance activities.  | JC 4044 Daizina Meister finds her way to Kastenpo on Both.   | JC 4300 The mortar heads gradually fall into disipation. The headliners also gradually disappear, some taking their fatimas with them, some alone. The era of war and destruction goes on, as the world continues its regression towards the primeval.                              |
| JC 3333      | Amaterasu, upon consent from the only non-AKD planet, Jūno, is enthroned as emperor of the Ioker Galaxy.  | JC 4050 Daizina Meister meets Colus VI, who is working for the anti-Amaterasu resistance in Kastenpo.  | (The Era of the The Will Galaxy)*   |
| JC 3345      | The LED Dragon awakens.   | JC 4061 After wandering aimlessly throughout the Galaxy, Colus VI is awakened to his headliner heritage after being shown the mortar heads that have been mustered for the resistance.   | JC 5899 On an unknown planet, the Knight of Gold is transformed into a meteorite and crashes.   |
| JC 3400-3900 | Mortar head manufacture is slowed by natural resource scarcity. The leader of Jūno, King Colus V, begins a large scale program to improve his country's MI-I force led by the Berlins. Because the outcome of any battle is invariably decided by a clash of MI-Is, the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces scattered throughout the Galaxy assist in his efforts.   | JC 4062 Colus begins training for combat, and the many knights he meets seem also to be descendants of his ancestors' generations of headliners.   | JC 6599 Lachesis awakens and with the Knight of Gold joins a space war with another civilization. In the aftermath, uncontrollable bursts of energy from KOC hurl them again and again into time gaps and lost abysses.   |
| JC 3910      | The knights of the anti-Amaterasu resistance gather on Jūno. Amaterasu reveals plans to conquer Jūno.   | JC 4075 Jūnchoon and Clotho are discovered, but Clotho remains sealed and will not awaken.   | JC 6787 In one planetary war, Lachesis is unable to activate the Knight of Gold, so this incomparable fatima fates commandeers a local cyborg weapon, called an Imperun, to continue the fight.   |
| JC 3952      | Amaterasu launches his last expeditionary invasion and heads for Jūno. A messenger is dispatched from Both to Amaterasu. It is Atropos.   | JC 4076 Colus VI meets Wey Louth, possibly another headliner descendant.   | JC 6800 Amaterasu builds the MI I Cloud Mirage, also Known as Magdall Chivalries.   |
| JC 3960      | The heir apparent to the Colus Dynasty, Colus VI, escapes to Both with the help of Aienta, princess of Ballanka. The three royal families of the Colus Dynasty disband and scatter to the four corners of the Galaxy. The Black Knight Grand Sydmian, in the employ of the Colus Dynasty, conceals Jūnchoon and Clotho deep in the thick forests of the continent of Borishoi.  | JC 4080 Civil war breaks out on Jūno, and Colus VI takes command of the anti-Amaterasu resistance forces in the conflict.  | JC 6850 Amaterasu and Lachesis, each on their own, travel from planet to universe encountering new human species and life forms.  |
|              |   | JC 4082 An Amaterasu mortar head, Wunderschatze, defects to Colus' side.   | JC 7199 Lachesis lands on a mechanized planet and repairs the Knight of Gold.   |
|              |   | JC 4088 Headliners and fatimas who have been hiding throughout the Galaxy flock to Colus' side.  | JC 7281 Amaterasu converses with the Obelisk Monument, which seems to contain a memory of people from the Ioker Galaxy.   |
|              |   | JC 4090 Colus liberates Both. After the devastation of AKD forces invading Kastenpo by an LED Dragon inferno, the Upandla regime gradually loses control of the situation, initiating the decline and fall of the AKD, but Amaterasu refuses to step in.   | JC 7343 Lachesis suddenly finds herself on Earth, in Poland during January 1945. She hides the Knight of Gold in the Baltic Sea and goes to fight in the Battle of Berlin. On 7 May she leaves the Division Nordlantic for France, then returns to the Baltic Sea and falls asleep. |
|              |   | JC 4093 Civil war breaks out on Delta Belun.   | JC 7451 Lachesis awakens in the Earth year of 2187 and returns to Space.  |
|              |   | JC 4100 The Floating Temple, the symbol of the AKD, is destroyed. Colus' Jūnchoon and Upandla's Knight of Gold engage on the battlefield. Two fates hurry to the fray — Delta Belun is consumed in the quasar inferno of the LED Dragons.  | JC 7563 Lachesis transcends time to appear in the Ioker Galaxy in JC 2043. She meets the 23 year old prince of Grees, Amaterasu. After planting a memory of their encounter, she leaves the Galaxy.   |
|              |   |  | JC 7777 Lachesis and Amaterasu are reunited on the emerald planet of Fortune and are married. They bear a daughter, Kallen, and the human species begins a new phase in its evolution.  |

\*Time in the The Will era is measured in the years actually passed by Amaterasu, but in Ioker time it is 1,000,000,000 years in length.

# Chronology

| [Last Millennia of the AO Era] |   |          |   |
|--------------------------------|---|----------|---|
| AD 4000                        | Iuno is discovered. Both is reclaimed and colonized. An alliance of imperial families founds the super-empire Phallus dei Kanaan.   | JC 2135  | Amaterasu makes improvements in the ezlazer external combustion engine used throughout the Galaxy to generate heavy energy.   |
| AD 5000                        | Reign of the "Blazing Empress." The Galaxy establishes all disciplines of pure science. The rise of intimidating warriors and powerful wizards. Invention of the most destructive weapon known to man, the buster launcher.   | JC 2200  | The beginning of a century of frequent international disputes and military aggression, promoted in part by the mortar head's ability to minimize casualties and destruction of property in the process of territorial expansion.  |
| AD 6000                        | Height of interstellar exploration. Continuous intergalactic wars cause such devastation to existing races and cultures that the human species becomes incapable of retaining its historical legacy in fact.  | JC 2310  | A data processor greatly improving the control of mortar head's is developed by the mad scientist Lithium Balance. It is called the "fatima," an artificial life-form physiologically identical to human beings.  |
| AD 8000                        | A geophysical world of four solar systems begins to take form. Reclamation of planets take place on a galactic scale, as the deserts of Addler and Pestako, the closest planet to its sun, are made inhabitable.  | JC 2324  | Amaterasu is enthroned as the ruler of Grees at the age of 304. Over a thirty-year period he has contributed much to the cause of international peace among the countries of Delta Belun.   |
| AD 9000                        | Interstellar exploration reaches an impasse, and space adventurers return to their home planets. The influence of Phallus dei Kanaan wanes, as new independent states rise. Buster control technology is perfected. Popularization of the external combustion "ezlazer" engine, a technical spin-off from buster launcher know-how.   | JC 2397  | Despite his 377 years, Amaterasu has remarkably not aged significantly since reaching adulthood.  |
|                                |   | JC 2400- | Amaterasu's Eastern Solar System and the Northern Solar System, which is ruled by large and powerful countries, attain a state of relatively peaceful coexistence, while the smaller countries scattered throughout the Southern and Western Solar Systems remain in political turmoil. It is a time of mass production of both mortar head's and fatimas.  |
|                                |   | JC 2629  | Amaterasu makes the acquaintance of the scientific genius Chrome Ballance.  |
| JC 0001                        | Stabilization is achieved on the planets of the Galaxy's four solar systems, as interplanetary diplomatic agreements are negotiated and enacted, marking the beginning of the Joker Era. At this point in time, however, human civilization reaches its pinnacle and begins its descent. The Joker Galaxy enters an era of senescence and decline. A civilization that once advanced into the outer reaches of the universe, experimented with speeds exceeding light, and sought existence beyond the three dimensions is slowing down. The human race is now in a process of reverse evolution. From this point on, there will be no sign of significant historical change, even in millennial terms. | JC 2810  | Amaterasu spends ten years recruiting a corps of superior headliners to act as his imperial guard and names them the Mirage Knights.  |
| JC 0980                        | Birth of the mortar head, a battle machine modeled after the human anatomy and designed in the artistic style of science and engineering.   | JC 2813  | Amaterasu's imperial guards are organized into an order of knights known as the First Eastern Mirage Corps, which is given command of the all the imperial armed forces, and charged with employing their mortar head's in quelling international military incidents.   |
| JC 2000                        | In the Kingdom of Grees on eastern Delta Belun, the second planet in the Eastern Solar System, the albino Amaterasu Dis Grand Grees Eydas IV is born and destined to become the kingdom's 84th monarch.   | JC 2875  | Amaterasu unifies the ten eastern countries surrounding the Kingdom of Grees. Similarly, in the Southern Solar System, Colus II, ruler of the super power on the planet Iuno, forms the kingdoms on his borders into the Colus Dynasty. Colus III is born.  |
| JC 2026                        | Scientific genius Uranium Balance publishes her research on organic humanoid computer systems.  | JC 2878  | Amaterasu is appointed planetary president of Delta Belun.  |
| JC 2040                        | Emperor Amaterasu uses his exquisite beauty and charm along with his superior intellect to gain unwavering support from the people of Delta Belun's eastern bloc of countries.  | JC 2899  | Amaterasu unifies Delta Belun into an organization called Amaterasu Kingdom Demosnes (hereafter AKD). The report of this action is greeted with surprise and apprehension throughout the Galaxy. Dr. Ballanche completes the AKD flagship battle cruiser Bell Creal.  |
| JC 2087                        | Amaterasu and Litra are married. Litra will die childless at the young age of 130, equivalent to 25 years of age in earthling time. On the average human's of the Joker Galaxy live to the age of around 300.   | JC 2900- | A scarcity of natural resources in the Galaxy reaches critical proportion, and some synthetic materials that have existed for thousands of years begin to transform or deteriorate. Kallamity Gooders, the second planet in the Northern Solar System, begins to transform under the influence of its own planetary reclamation activities. Amaterasu is 380 years old.   |
|                                |   | JC 2955  | Completion of Amaterasu's airborne palace, the Floating Temple, an island 2.5 kilometers across hovering 3000 meters in the atmosphere above the planet.  |
|                                |   | JC 2987  | One of the Galaxy's most authoritative scientists, Dr. Ballanche, decides that a fatima debut will not be held for Atropos, one of his "three fates of destiny," and allows her to escape.  |
|                                |   | JC 2988  | Dr. Ballanche's final two fatimas, Lachesis and Clotho, come of age. Amaterasu acquires Lachesis, while Clotho is taken into the care of Iuno's King Colus III.   |
|                                |   | JC 2989  | Three leading edge mortar head's, called LED Mirages, join the forces of the Colus Dynasty against neighboring aggressor, Hagooda. MI-I meister Ladios Sopp is entrusted with the jeweled sword of the Colus Royal Family, and the royal family's MI-I luncheon is sealed shut with Clotho inside.  |
|                                |   | JC 2992- | Atropos begins 350 years of seclusion with an infant LED Dragon.  |
|                                |   | JC 2994  | Magdall and Depe are born in the Republic of Hathutha in the Western Solar System.  |
|                                |   | JC 3007  | The LED Mirage fleet and Amaterasu's Knight of Gold are exhibited before the Galaxy. Second phase of the Mirage Knights.  |
|                                |   | JC 3009  | Completion of the heavy MI-I Jagd Mirage, known as the "monster of the Mirage Knights" due to its dual buster canon design.   |
|                                |   | JC 3010  | The "Majestic Stand" begins, and the Galaxy is thrown into greater political turbulence than it has ever experienced.   |
|                                |   | JC 3079  | Princess Magdal is crowned ruler of the Holy Led A-Toll Empire.   |
|                                |   | JC 3159  | Amaterasu suddenly launches a military attack on the Rent Republic of the neighboring planet of Addler.   |
|                                |   | JC 3162  | Addler is incorporated into the AKD and becomes Amaterasu's base of military operations, commanding a huge galactic expeditionary force.  |
|                                |   | JC 3180  | Amaterasu begins construction of the Galaxy's largest space vessel, The Will.   |
|                                |   | JC 3185  | Construction of The Will is completed, and enthusiasm is heightened among the people over galactic unification. Amaterasu is 1165 years old.  |
|                                |   | JC 3199  | Amaterasu launches an invasion of Both in the Western Solar System. Many of the planet's residents welcome the invasion as the arrival of political stability to a chaotic situation that has continued since the beginning of the Majestic Stand, so Both is quickly incorporated into the AKD. However, the region of Kastenpo on the continent of Gnann for some reason is able to retain its former status as a free and autonomous district, and only the Holy Led A-Toll Empire is granted sovereignty. |
|                                |   | JC 3225  | The moving solar system of Stant with a 1500 year orbit approaches the Joker Galaxy, and it is predicted that Stant will increase the instability of Kallamity already caused by mineral resource reclamation.  |

\*Joker and Lanth years are not synchronized because time proceeds faster in the Joker Galaxy.



# The Five Star Stories X

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## A Vast Tale Promising to Straddle the Centuries

### Five Star Stories Vols. I-III



It is the Joker Calendar year J.C. 2988, one of the Galaxy's most prestigious fatima meights, Dr. Chrome Ballanche, completes the work on his final two masterpieces, Lachesis and Clotho, only to have them taken into custody by the local lord, a depraved upstart merchant by the name of Grand Duke Juba Bardaim who covets the two fatimas to satisfy his outlandish lecheries. Ballanche has no one to turn to for help but his longtime friend Ladios Sopp, one of Amaterasu's disguises, to save his two daughters from Juba's slimy clutches. Before the debut at which the two fatimas are to choose their masters, an event rigged by Juba, Clotho makes a run for it, and with the help of Sopp, Voards Viewland, (the president of the local Trün Union in disguise) and Amaterasu's Mirage Knights, Clotho finds a protector in the warrior-king extraordinaire, Colus III of the planet Jüno. Then on the day of the debut, Sopp is reunited with Lachesis and they run off together with Juba and his headliner "nephews" Decors and Torrona in hot pursuit. Just as the two elopers are about to be captured, Amaterasu's outrageous mortar headd, the Knight of Gold appears out of nowhere and saves the day. Meanwhile, back at Juba's palace, Voards, now undisguised as President Mission Rouath, makes a thorough investigation of Juba's countless wrongdoings and restores order to his troubled republic.

### Five Star Stories Vols. IV & V



The year after the Juba Bardaim incident, J.C. 2989, the kingdoms ruled by Clotho's protector Colus III are suddenly and mysteriously invaded by the neighboring empire of Hagooda, which we find out later is being backed by superpowers from other planets, such as Fillmore on Kallamity and Halhutha on Both. The young Colus III boards his brand new mortar headd, Jünchoon, for a test run out on the front lines, encounters the mortar headd of a Boowray Mercenary in the employ of Hagooda, and in the battle that ensues loses his beloved fatima Ulicul, who is killed by the Boowray knight while fighting to protect her badly wounded master. This incident stuns Colus' allies throughout the Galaxy, who rush in to join the anti-Hagooda movement that is slowly welling up all over Jüno. Among the volunteers and mercenaries flowing into the Colus Dynasty's Jarth Airport we find none other than Ladios Sopp, who owes a great debt to Colus for his gallantry at the debut held the previous year. There is also a flashback of how Colus and Ulicul first met in J.C. 2957, explaining the bitter resentment held by Vralgo Kentauri of Fillmore towards the King of the Trio de Colus and Vralgo's sworn vendetta.

### Five Star Stories Vols. VI-VIII



During the war with Hagooda, the Colus Dynasty palace becomes the gathering place of dignitaries from all over the Galaxy, including Ladios Sopp (aka Amaterasu), Voards Viewland (aka Mission Rouath), the Black Knight and master swordsman Roados Dragoon, and a meeting place for Mirage Knight Sharie Randers and Prince Trao Ballanka, who will eventually marry. The rival fatimas Teata and Est, and Lachesis and her father's rival Dr. Morard. The sorely under-powered Jünchoon receives an overhaul with a LED Mirage engine from Sopp and is called to arms by an deeply inspired Clotho. As the anti-Hagooda movement reaches its peak, Colus decides to stage a counter-offensive, which results in victory for the Trio, but only at the cost of its ruler's life at the hands of none other than Vralgo Kentauri. During the sudden attack on Jünchoon, Clotho, with her master dead in the cockpit, employs every bit of the skill and strength entrusted to her in crushing Vralgo's M-H Siren, but in the end loses consciousness and is sealed within her magnificent mortar headd. Finally, Vol. VIII jumps forward to the year 4071 and the anti-Amaterasu resistance movement on the planet Addler.

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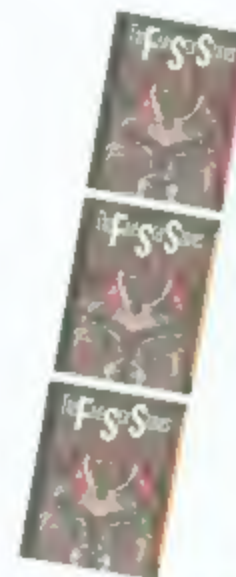
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